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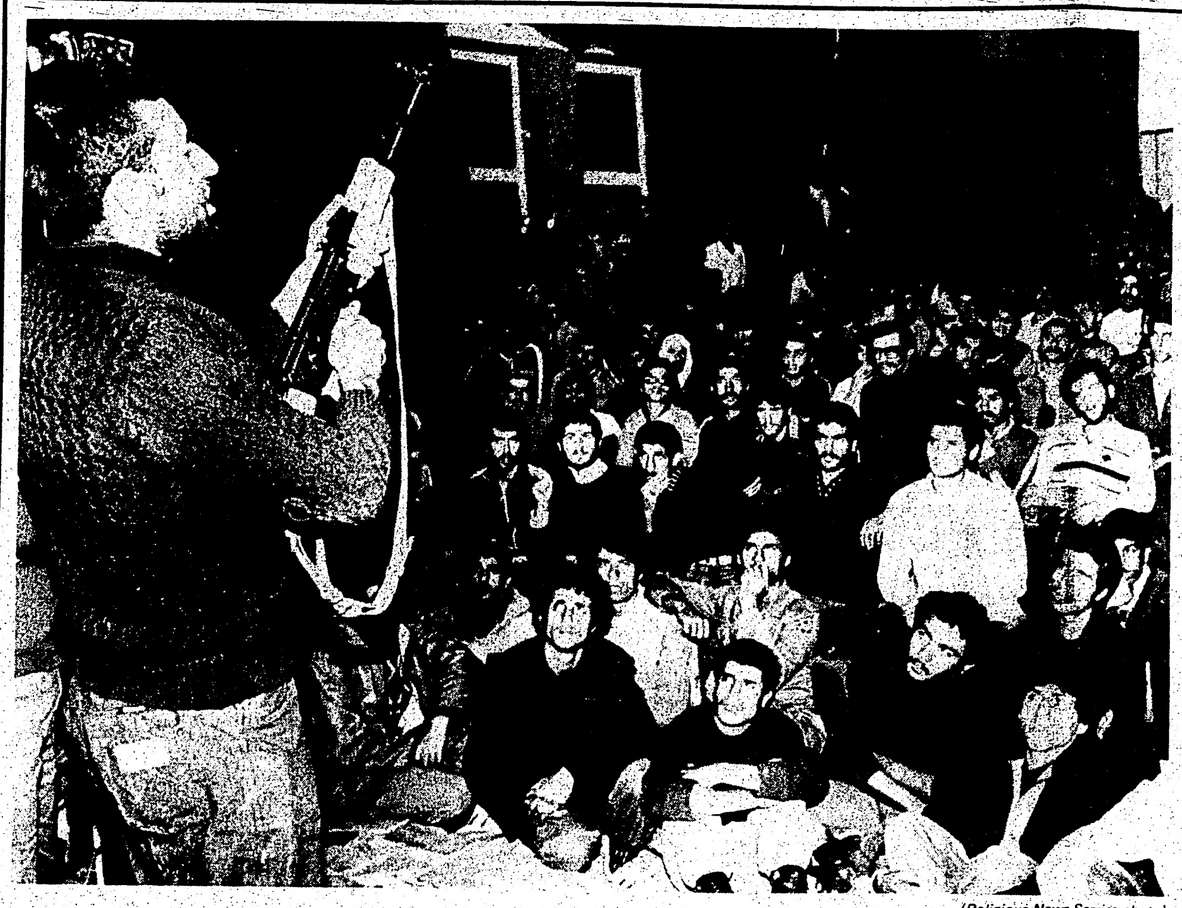

(Religious News Service photo)

A group of terrorists-in-training gather with their instructor in Teheran, Iran, for a lecture on fighting. A number of these volunteers are hoping to join the forces of the Palestine Liberation Organization to fight against Israel. Sources say the superior Israeli soldiers would wipe them out.

Tide of anti-Semitism confronts leadership

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — The resurgence and confluence of various streams of Jew hatred necessitate a profound self-examination if Jewish leadership is to function effectively.

Such is the opinion articulated by Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg, one that he says is held by an increasing number of Jews inside and outside of leadership circles. Rabbi Friedberg is spiritual leader of the Beth Tzedec Congregation and national chairman of the International Affairs Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"We have to be concerned with a qualitative change in Jewish-Gentile relationships," Rabbi Friedberg told The Canadian Jewish News in a recent interview. "The embassy issue in Canada and the Andrew Young affair in the U.S., among other things, have resulted in the surfacing of classical anti-Semitism — the old-style European Jew hatred that led to the Holocaust."

Said the rabbi: "In the old country, the position of the Jew was well understood by everyone. Whatever were the laws of the land, the Jew had to submit to a special set of rules. The European Jew saw himself as isolated, vulnerable and fearful. As an emigrant, he felt the same way about his situation in North America. Although more overt, the hostility was there, ready to assert itself in times of crisis."

His American-born children and the generation after that felt differently about anti-Semitism, according to Friedberg. "They perceived no basic difference between Jew and non-Jew. Anti-Semitism was seen as a sort of residual sentiment, which brotherhood and education programs would cure forever."

The overestimated business losses and the unparalleled anti-Jewish vituperation sparked by the Jerusalem embassy issue alarmed many Jews. Former prime minister Trudeau's statement before the Iran crisis broke out, that a Zionist lobby in Washington was preventing the establishment of peace in the Middle East, again raised the bugaboo an international Jewish conspiracy.

According to Rabbi Friedberg, Jews were made to feel that issues with a Jewish coloration were automatically against the interests of the government. Many saw the issue as serving as an excuse for the venting of deep anti-Jewish hostilities previously suppressed.

"In the U.S., the fall of Andrew Young saw almost immediately orchestrated statements between the White House and the media about the conflict between Jews and Blacks; Jews were pressured to accept U.S. policy regarding Israel, including impending recognition of the PLO.

"The PLO was being depicted as the underdog hero of the Mideast, with Israel the villain. The media played up the PLO, ignoring its negative qualities, but Israel could do no right.

"Classical anti-Semitism was back, in its worst manifestation: once the Jew was seen to go against the grain of his country's apparent interests, the toleration shown him for his economic, intellectual and other contributions was cast aside. The fairness and rights due him as a citizen of his country were ignored. Once again, Jews were made to feel as their forefathers in the ghettos of Europe: isolated, vulnerable and afraid," said Rabbi Friedberg.

"Rather than a state with its deserved share of dignity, Israel was being treated as a sort of global ghetto," he said.

"Anti-Semitism became obvious as a principle of international diplomacy, in some cases overshadowing that of cold-blooded pragmatism. That Islam is waging a war on the West, destroying its economy, is obvious. It is a war on the infidel. The Arabs tell the west if Israel is offered up as a sacrifice, oil will become more available and cheaper. Despite conflicting statements that the oil producers intend to prolong their resource as long as possible, that oil is 'more valuable in the ground' to them, and despite numerous instances of anti-West hostility, Western countries seem to be going along with their suggestion. They don't want to accept the obvious probability that the elimination of Israel would be one more step in their own demise.

"But then, having Jews as scapegoat is nothing new."

This sudden ostracism of North American Jews and Israel is probably the crucial factor that leadership will have to contend with, according to Rabbi Friedberg. Issues to be tackled are: an ordering of priorities; a realistic perception of ourselves and the role of leadership, and how to pursue our legitimate rights about fear.

Related to this is a re-evaluation of the relationship between our community and Israel, a relationship which, according to Rabbi Friedberg, has failed to provide the kind of ties necessary for each other's optimum benefit. At the same time, this relationship must address itself to serious internal problems in Israel, which result in a lessening of moral there. And if Israel loses its morale, its security would be threatened."

As for priority, leaders will have to develop ways in which to stimulate aliya. "This could help cut the social gap in Israel and help make the community here more viable and less susceptible to erosion," said Rabbi Friedberg.

There is much work to do, and quickly, he concluded.

Interrogation, man of mystery ...

Soviet officials harass Toronto travel agent

By BEVERLEY STERN

A recent and routine familiarization trip to Moscow for the July 1980 Olympics turned into a six-day cat-and-mouse exercise of harassment for a professional travel agent from Toronto.

From the time the Soviet airliner, Aeroflot, touched Moscow soil to the last five minutes before flight departure, Renata Eisen of Sheppard Travel in North York says she found herself in a game of wits with Soviet officialdom.

Pulled from a lineup of 45 visiting Canadian travel agents, she was detained for questioning when found carrying books, disco records and clothing for several Soviet Jewish families whose names she openly carried in her purse.

As Mrs. Eisen relates the story, her harassment began after she had checked quite easily through passport control. In customs she was stopped by a woman who asked to look through her purse. Upon seeing the names of Soviet citizens, the woman immediately called over a man, about 40, who curtly, but not too rudely, separated Mrs. Eisen from the rest of the group.

The Official, as she called him, began to unpack her bags. Carefully, one by one, he looked at her selection of books which not only included topics of philosophy, social psychology, tennis and a personal book of prayer, but also Time and Newsweek.

"Don't you realize this material is very subversive?" he challenged. "What is the real purpose of your visit here?"

Over and over, she said, he accused her of coming to the Soviet Union with dishonest intentions.

During the discussion, which was becoming more heated, the rest of the 44 travel agents — who had quietly observed Ms. Eisen's interrogation — gathered together to go on a bus waiting to take them to their hotel in Moscow.

After the group departed, Mrs. Eisen was left all alone with her interrogator who by this time was joined by a man with a leather coat and hat and "piercing blue eyes" said Mrs. Eisen.

Blue Eyes, she said, never spoke to her. He just watched the growing altercation between her and The Official with a bland expression which never changed, she remarked.

For the next four hours — without so much as a glass of water or a chair to sit down on, Ms. Eisen insisted that the only purpose of her visit was familiarization first, and incidentally to bring gifts from family and friends to Soviet Jews.

Finally, The Official sent her into a separate room with two women, ostensibly for a body search. Once inside, Ms. Eisen told the CJN that she herself tore at her clothes and threatened to strip, all the time threatening to call the Canadian Embassy and report to the world how Soviet officials treated their visitors.

Taken aback, the women looked at her and did nothing. No body search took place.

Marching back before The Official, she again asked to make a phone call to the Canadian Embassy. Although he had avoided the request before, now he pointed to a telephone on the wall. But, as she soon discovered, the phone had no outside line. When he just shrugged his shoulders at her exasperation, she grew furious with him, stomped over to a chair, sat down, and refused to talk further.

Her defiance enraged him — but in the end, her continued silence defeated him. "You can leave on one condition," he shouted. "We will take away all your gifts, and you must sign for them."

"I am not signing any statement printed in Russian," she replied in German. They argued loudly. In the end, he capitulated.

"Take everything," he yelled and threw her passport back at her. She took one look at the contents of her baggage strewn all over and refused to pack. The Official summoned for help to pack the bag, and then made arrangements to get her to her hotel downtown.

As soon as she arrived hotel, Hotel Intourist, the sudden reappearance of Blue Eyes jolted her. His subsequent comings-and-goings-were she realized, designed to unsettle her and keep her on her guard.

Her room, which originally was on the 17th floor with all the other travel agents, was changed abruptly to the seventh. No explanation was given. She was sure it was bugged. Aside from a personal phone call to Toronto, she made no effort to contact the people whose names she had been given.

"I was tormented for them," she said. "Not for myself. I was afraid I would get them into trouble." For that reason she decided not to make contact. Also, the fact that all her gifts had been returned made her suspicious. What if she was followed? Would the people she visited be harmed?

"Later," she continued, "I was sorry that I did not visit them. My gifts were innocent. There was nothing secretive about the people who wanted to emigrate. Their names were already well known. I was doing nothing illegal or improper.

"Too late, however, I realized, that the whole point of this game of harassment was especially to deter me from making contact. The Soviet authorities know that people like me are a lifeline of hope to the Soviet Jews asking to leave."

No sooner was she settled in her room, then the phone calls started. Every two hours. No one ever spoke. The phone just rang.

On the return home, the harassment began again. Back at the airport, Ms. Eisen was yanked out of line for separate inspection. Her purse and bags were completely taken apart once more. For one-hour-and-a-half, they detained her with continued questions.

Five minutes before departure, just as abruptly as they stopped her, they let her go.

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One of the gates to the Kremlin located in Moscow's Red Square.

Problems posed by menace of cults include lack of data

By SUSAN LAZARUS

MONTREAL — The lack of reliable data on Jewish involvement in cults is just one of many frustrations facing parents, educators and religious leaders attempting to deal with the ever-increasing problem.

"In our experience, there are a tremendous number of Jewish young people attracted to cults," maintains Josh Freed, a journalist and cult expert who recently participated in a cult symposium sponsored by McGill Hillel Students' Society, "but getting the exact figures is impossible.

"In the Unification Church or the Moonies as they are more commonly known, I would put the number of Jewish kids involved at 25%, and that is a conservative estimate, but of course it is all unofficial."

Freed says figures in North America for Jewish cult involvement range anywhere from 10-50% but since the cults themselves do not release any data the percentages are next to impossible to confirm.

The reasons for involvement are as difficult to pin down as the actual figures.

Mike Cropveld, himself an ex-Moonie, says there are as many reasons for a Jewish young person becoming a cult member as there are cult members.

"It is an over-simplication to say the young person from a very restricted Jewish home is more vulnerable to cults, or on the other hand, someone from a home with few Jewish values is vulnerable; it makes a good hypothesis, but when you find kids from traditional but relaxed homes also joining, your theory falls apart."

Freed, who knew little about cults before two close friends became involved with the Moonies in California, does not feel joining a cult is necessarily an act of rebellion against the family.

"The cults prey mainly on those who are—sensitive to begin with, and are searching for a way to better themselves and the world around them.

"If it can be compared to anything," he noted, "it would be to a psychotherapist, who instead of helping a patient feel better about himself, tears him down until he is completely vulnerable, and then proceeds to prove the cult is the only way of rebuilding his life.

"The cults generally attract intelligent people, but also those who have problems which society is not dealing with properly."

Freed was a reporter with the now-defunct Montreal Star, and after returning from California, where he was involved with the rescuing and deprogramming of a close friend, wrote a series of articles last winter. These articles form the basis of a just-completed book on the cult phenomenon which will be released this spring.

"Before I visited the Moonies, I never believed in brainwashing the way I do now," Freed explained.

"But after spending only two days at the Moon ranch, I could see how easily one can get sucked in. A combination of isolation, dwindling sleep, little protein and no time to re-evaluate cause you increasingly to lose perspective. One never really decides to stay, one simply defers indefinitely the decision to leave."

Freed says what helped him was the knowledge going in that this was indeed the Moonies. Reverend Moon's name is not usually brought up until at least two weeks into the stay, when most are already programmed), and various tricks he used to keep his mind awake.

Freed is not optimistic that society has learned anything either from the growing number of cults or from the suicides of 900 People's Temple cultists last year in Jonestown Guyana.

"It is hard to live in a free society," Freed says, "and society is not teaching its young ways of coping as independent free-thinking human beings.

"As well, society has the responsibility to create outlets for idealism so that cults, which attract most of their followers by preaching new ways of bettering the world, will not seem so attractive."

The recent cult symposium, held in a city in which cults, including, the Moonies, Hare Krishna, Apostles of Infinite Love, and Scientology continue to flourish, also featured Dr. John Clarke Jr., a psychiatrist who has been working with ex-cult members for the past six years and has testified before several state and federal committees investigating cult activity in the United States.

Massive arms aid for Arabs may leave Israel in the cold

WASHINGTON [JTA] — The Carter Administration is unveiling a massive arms program for three of Israel's Arab neighbors that includes about $3.5 billion in credits for Egypt, up to 200 tanks of the M-60 class for Jordan, and advanced munitions for Saudi Arabia, informed sources reported.

Arising from this preparation in enhancing U.S. military relations with the three Arab countries is an as yet unanswered questions: What plans does the Administration have for Israel in terms of additional credits, for economic and military support and the balance of power theory in the Near East?

Israel indicated early last fall that it needed about $3.4 billion in overall U.S. assistance to help meet increased costs resulting from inflation and the growth of power on its borders. This assessment was ridiculed then in high quarters as unrealistic but the programming for Israel's neighbors now indicates that the Israeli figure has practicality.

For the current fiscal year, Israel is scheduled to receive $1.8 billion in economic and military aid. The military package for Egypt, which requires Congressional approval, was informally presented to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at a closed meeting Dec. 5 by Harold Saunders, assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. Saunders reportedly testified that the Iranian situation made it more important than ever to support Egyptian President Sadat's government and weld a long-term security relationship with Egypt.

His testimony was received with "concern and skepticism" by all of the committee's eight or nine members present, according to the informed sources. Senators present included Committee chairman Frank Church; Jacob Javits, the ranking minority member; Paul Sarbannes; and Joseph Biden who have expressed themselves most strongly on the central theme that delivering such quantities of new weapons to Egypt would risk a duplication of the U.S error in calculating the Shah of Iran would be a powerful and unshakable ally by supplying his government with a huge arsenal.

Last year, the Carter Administration provided Egypt with 50 F-5E warplanes. This was part of the $2.6 billion warplane package that included Israel and Saudi Arabia. Early this year, the Carter Administration allocated $1.5 billion in weaponry as part of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. Israel received $3 billion in that program in connection with the treaty, all of it for shifting its bases from the Sinai to the Negev.

Last month, the Administration informed Congress it was selling Saudi Arabia $200 million in advanced munitions for delivery in 1980. These include lasers and cluster bombs and Sidewinder and Maverick missiles. Congress still has time to veto this program but indications are it will not try to do so.

Although Jordan has rejected the Camp David accords and propagandizes against entering the Egyptian-Israeli-American negotiations on autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza, King Hussein's government is earmarked to receive tanks that Saudi Arabia will buy for it. Jordan has already contracted to buy Centurion tanks from Britain. Analysts here said the question emerging from these purchases is why Jordan is engaged in this buildup.

Analysts here noted that Egypt has a hostile force on its western border in Libya while Hussein's government may be facing trouble from Syria or Iraq or from among the Palestinian Arabs within its own border. It was noted that when the State Department issued its "travel advisory" two weeks ago to Americans not to go to a dozen Moslem countries, most of them Arab, because of the Iranian crisis, it did not include Jordan, Saudi Arabia or Egypt.

For a closer look at Israeli defense requirements and their interpretation by the U.S., turn to Page 4.

No, no, Nachum!

The executive of Canadian Jewish Congress makes the following statement about two articles written by Dr. Nachum Goldman in the German newspaper, De Zeit:

"We are greatly concerned that a number of statements he made lend aid and comfort to those who take a negative view of Jews and play down the horrors of the Holocaust. Especially do we object to Dr. Goldman's pronouncement that the Holocaust is an example of something good coming out of evil, the good being the creation of the State of Israel. We reject this proposition and in addition, believe that to raise it before a German audience will only strengthen those who continue to proclaim that Hitler after all, was a force for good.

"For us — regardless of what followed historically — the Holocaust is, and remains an unmitigated evil, unequalled in human events. Other statements of Dr. Goldman are equally objectionable, such as his invidious allusion to differences between East and West European Jews regarding their condemnation of the Holocaust.

"While we appreciate that Dr. Goldman is no longer the president of World Jewish Congress, we wish to register our dismay with you and request that you convey our strong disapproval to Dr. Goldman."

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DISCUSSING STRATEGY

Gush Emunim leaders meet to discuss what steps should be taken following High Court ruling to remove the Elon settlement. The leaders are against evacuating any village on holy soil.

Nazi war crimes centre in Haifa protests transfer of key files

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 10 million files from the Third Reich may be handed over to the West German Government in 1981, and potentially embarrassing material may then "get lost," warns Tuvia Friedman, who heads the Nazi Crimes Documentation Centre in Haifa.

Friedman has started a campaign against the U.S. State Department transferring the records — personal files on 10.7 million Nazi Party members, including tens of thousands of SS and Gestapo officers involved in Hitler's "Final Solution" — and has appealed for help to U.S. Senator Jacob Javits. "I fear that in German hands the files may 'get lost' in order to prevent the embarrassment of former Nazis who now hold high positions in West German public life and industry." The files are kept in the West Berlin "Documentation Centre," housed in a bunker in the Zehlendorf section of the city.

Negotiations between West German and American authorities on the transfer of the archives have been proceeding sporadically for 20 years, and the matter at times has been the subject of passionate public debate in West Germany. Recent press reports in Germany say there is a tentative agreement for the files to be turned over in 1981.

Bonn has not been overly anxious to get the files, says Friedman, as many West German politicians fear that the 40 tons of drying paper are a potential Pandora's box and might reveal membership or other activity in the Nazi Party in the past of many now prominent Germans.

The Americans do not appear to be in a great hurry to handle the files either, and even the Eastern bloc is known to prefer to let this particular sleeping dog lie, because the files, Friedman says, contain embarrassing information on the Nazi past of East German officials who are now Communist Party stalwarts.

Friedman has returned from a visit to the "Documentation Centre" in Berlin, where he met with its American director, Daniel Simon, who was recently quoted as saying that he believed that all concerned were quite willing to leave the files in the bunker and to wait for a "biographical solution" to the problem. The average age of those in the files is 62, and in another 10 to 20 years most of them will be dead. The bunker where the files stand is surrounded by barbed wire and guarded at night by four guards with dogs.

Bona fide researchers can obtain special permission from the Americans to peruse the files.

Friedman brought back photocopies of some of the most important files for his own documentation centre, where this reporter looked at them. They were meticulously kept, with even such minutiae as personal invitations to supper and birthday congratulations from high-ranking Nazis, details of conversations, certificates of "racial purity" and gossip — all hinting at the intrigues inside the Third Reich.

One file, for instance, contains a lengthy complaint against Julius Streicher, who was the editor of the notorious anti-Semitic magazine "Der Stuermer" and was hanged after being sentenced at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial. Streicher held Nazi Party membership card No. 17, indicating he was one of the earliest supporters of Hitler. The complaint, filed in 1932 — even before the Nazis seized power — accuses him of brutal and boorish behaviour with a horsewhip towards another party stalwart.

Friedman has proposed that at least the 60,000 files of SS and Gestapo officers in the Berlin archives, and those of other high-ranking Nazis, be transferred to Washington, possibly to the Library of Congress, where they could be microfilmed for future use by historians and other researchers, and then the originals could be handed over to Bonn. He fears that a fire in the bunker where they now sit could quickly destroy the old and drying papers, stored in open racks.

Just before the German collapse in 1945, the Nazis sent the files to the Munich factory of Hans Huber with orders to shred them to prevent the incriminating records from falling into Allied hands. Huber disobeyed, and thus most of the files were saved. The U.S. Army took hold of them, and they were transferred to the jurisdiction of the State Department in 1953.

This article appears here courtesy of the Jerusalem Post where it was originally published last month.

Difficult to prepare defence for charges

I think it is imperative that your readers be informed as to the nature of the charges that will likely face the American hostages if they are put on trial by the Islamic Revolutionary Tribunal of Iran. It is patently obvious that the taking place of trials is in itself illegal.

In June, 1979, a French lawyer, Serge Klarsfield, visited Teheran and obtained the text of a charge against Habib Elghanian. Elghanian, after a 48 hour trial, was summarily executed by a firing squad.

The following represents the official text of the indictment against Elghanian translated from Persian to French and then to English:

"In the name of God the Clement and the Merciful.

"In this file, Habib Elghanian, son of Babai, Jew, owner of identity card no. 6108 of Teheran, resident in Teheran, Jew, of Iranian nationality, educated, spy, capitalist and Zionist, is accused of:

"1) Friendship with the enemies of God and enmity towards the friends of God.

"2) Spying for the usurping Zionist State of Israel.

"3) Collecting funds to support and help Israel and its usurping army which shells day and night our Moslem Palestinian brothers.

"4) Using the income and profits from the exploitation of the Iranian people, in order to build the belligerent and usurping country of Israel which is opposed to Islam and God.

"5) Corruption on Earth by destroying the economic resources and consequently the active population of the society.

"6) Waging war against God, the Prophet and the representative of the Twelfth Inmam, and against all our destitute people.

"7) Obstructing the way of God, and the way leading to the happiness of all destitute nations of the world, and obstructing Islamic and human values.

"8) Corruption on Earth.

"9) Contributing to the cruel daily massacre of our Palestinian brothers."

The balance of the charge sheet reads as follows:

Proof of Guilt

"1) Clear and implicit confessions contained in the file.

"2) Sufficient proofs, documents and records in the file which prove the transfer of money to Israel to strengthen the defence capacity of that country.

"3) Organising a meeting with the most cruel enemies of God and the Palestinian people — Abba Eban and other usurping leaders of the Zionist country.

"4) Purchase of property and multi-storey buildings.

Taking into account the above, and in accordance with verses of the Koran: "The appropriate penalty for those who wage war against Allah and his Messenger and corrupt the earth is that they be slain or crucified . . .'

(Koran, Chapter V, Verse 33)

'. . . express hostility towards him in the same way as he expresses hostility towards you.'

(Koran, Chapter II)

and in accordance with other texts of the religious law from the Koran and in accordance with other words transmitted by the tradition of the saints, we demand the imposition of the death penalty and its execution, and the confiscation of all his property and that of his family.

The Prosecutor General of Teheran:
Ahmad Azari (signed)
dated 17.2.1538 (—7.5.1979)."

One does not have to be a lawyer to envisage the difficulty of preparing a defence to such charges. It is obvious more and more pressure must be brought to bear on the Iranian Government to force compliance with accepted and recognized international principles of law. The fact that the Iranian Government has disregarded the clear and concise ruling of the International Court of Justice at The Hague is further evidence of that Government's disregard of basic legal concepts.

It is important that all civilized nations act to isolate the Iranian Government and I suggest that if all countries withdraw their embassy staffs, the Iranian government would succumb to this act of isolation and release the hostages without the mockery of a show-trial.

Bert Raphael,
Vice President of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists.

Mt. Scopus and Hebrew University

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

JERUSALEM —

"It was from Mount Scopus that the Romans launched their assault on the Second Temple. Nothing could be more appropriate than that Mount Scopus should today be the home of Israel's oldest university, a symbol of the sustained vitality of the Jewish people."

Avraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University, is speaking about the significance of Mount Scopus to the university and to the state of Israel.

For 19 years, until the Six Day War, Mount Scopus was an Israeli enclave in Jordanian territory, a 900,000-square metre parcel of territory where the Hebrew University was originally established.

Forlorn and neglected because the Jordanians denied the university access to it, Mount Scopus was nevertheless not forgotten by a generation of Israelis who had always known it as their own.

Today, Mount Scopus is again buzzing with activity — a symbol of the Hebrew University's expansion and, more importantly, a symbol of Israel's determination to maintain Jerusalem's unity as the undivided capital of Israel.

The university functioned on Mount Scopus for 23 years from 1925, when Arthur Balfour officially inaugurated it, until April of 1948, when an Arab attack on a Jewish convoy forced it to move to a new campus in western Jerusalem.

Last April, the Sherman Administration Building was opened on Mount Scopus. With its inauguration, the central administration and the academic leadership of the university was again back on its original site.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, Avraham Harman said: "Our return means that the Hebrew University is centred on the Mount Scopus campus and we are back where we started half a century ago."

Striking a political note, he added: "We must persist in constructing and building, not only physically, but spiritually. The time has come for the Jewish people to demonstrate in deeds that Jerusalem is the capital of the whole Jewish people and Israel."

In an interview at his office, overlooking the stark Judean desert on the left and the spectacular skyline of Jerusalem on the right, Harman muses about the importance of Mount Scopus.

Jordan's decision to cut off Mount Scopus from the Israeli sector of Jerusalem was a deliberate violation of article 8 of the armistice agreement between Israel and Jordan, he says. "Unfortunately that illegal act was acquiesced in by the world. In 1967 that wrong was put to rights. Jerusalem was reunited and access to Mount Scopus was re-established."

Richard Oestermann, of the Hebrew University's department of information and public affairs, recalls a visit to Mount Scopus as an army reservist just before the Six Day War.

"It was like a petrified forest. Old notices, dating back to 1948, were still on the walls. And in a chemistry laboratory, everything had been left as it was."

He also remembers that Egged's old number nine bus route to Mount Scopus, which had been retired, was put into service four days after the end of the Six Day War.

"And do you know who the bus driver of the first run was? The son of the driver who had been killed in 1948."

History pervades Mount Scopus.

The Yishuv, or Palestinian Jewish community, purchased the land from a resident British family. In July of 1918, with the First World War still raging, Chaim Weizmann, the first president of Israel, laid 12 cornerstones on the site, each one signifying a tribe of Israel.

Seven years later, with the British firmly in control of Palestine, Arthur Balfour proclaimed the Hebrew University to be opened. Balfour was British foreign secretary when the Balfour Declaration was issued in 1917.

By 1948, 1,000 students were enrolled at the Hebrew University, with some 100 professors teaching them. On the campus were about six buildings, and several were in the process of being built when Arab-Jewish hostilities broke out.

One of the worst incidents occurred on April 14 1948, when an Arab band attacked two buses, carrying 79 Jewish doctors and nurses, on their way to Mount Scopus. All 79 were killed, heightening tension and fear in the holy land.

The 1949 Rhodes armistice agreement ending the War of Independence stipulated that the Hebrew University should have access to its campus on Mount Scopus. The Jordanians reneged on the accord, but allowed Israeli troops to maintain a garrison on the hill.

Resigned to the situation, the Hebrew University relocated to downtown Jerusalem, its buildings scattered all over the western half of the city. In 1958, the Givat Ram campus, a stone's throw away from the Knesset, was inaugurated. Even today, however, a few of its faculties still operate outside the confines of Givat Ram.

In the wake of the 1967 war, Mount Scopus "became the biggest building site in the country," according to Oestermann, a Danish Jew. The law faculty was the first on Givat Ram to move back to Mount Scopus, while the Harry S. Truman Research Institute was the first new building to go up there.

Building activity slowed after the 1973 Yom Kippur War, but not before many new buildings had already been constructed, changing the face and texture of Mount Scopus.

Canadian Jewry has played a role in the renascence of Mount Scopus, having contributed funds to at least 13 major projects and countless minor ones.

Jews from Canada have donated the following: the Olga Bercovitch Lecture Hall Building, the Bronfman Reception Centre, the Allan Bronfman Jr. Dormitory Building, the Hadassah-WIZO Dormitory Building, the Rose and Abe Schacter Centre-Canada Club, the Jacob Hendeles and Walter Zwig Auditorium, the Maurice Pollack Psychology Building, the Louis Posluns Social Sciences Building, the Tabachnick National Park, the Harry Zeckelman Lecture Hall Building, the Bloomfield Central Library, the Allan Bronfman Residence Complex and the I. Meier Segals Lecture Hall Building.

Of the estimated $100 million the Hebrew University has spent to date on rebuilding and refurbishing Mount Scopus, Canadian Jewry has donated approximately $10 million

The consolidation of Mount Scopus is a labor of love, as well as a political act of vital national importance, it is generally agreed by officials here.

The Israelis don't intend to part with Mount Scopus ever again.

Israel rejects the latest UN draft resolution

UNITED NATIONS
[JTA] —

The General Assembly has adopted a resolution calling on Israel to "submit all its nuclear facilities to inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency" and urging all states "to take all necessary measures to prevent the transfer of fissionable material and nuclear technology to Israel which could be used for nuclear weapons."

The resolution, sponsored by Iraq, was adopted by a vote of 97-10 with 38 abstentions. Israel and the United States were among the countries that opposed it. Israel's ambassador to the UN, Yehuda Blum, denounced the resolution as nothing more than "a vehicle for the continuation of the anti-Israel political warfare conducted by the Arab states and their supporters in the UN." He emphasized that Israel "remains faithful to its commitment to prohibit and prevent the spread of nuclear weapons."

The resolution, titled "Israel's nuclear armament," appealed to all states "to put an end to any cooperation with Israel which may assist it in acquiring and developing nuclear weapons." Another provision strongly condemned "any attempt by Israel to manufacture, acquire, store, test or introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East."

Blum, who spoke before the vote was taken, charged that the Iraqi draft resolution was based on hearsay. As far as Israel is concerned, he said, direct negotiations with the participation of all states in the Middle East "could contribute significantly to the implementation of a process leading to the establishment of a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in the Middle East."

Blum charged that "by avoiding mention of conventional weapons and by accusing Israel of trying either to acquire or of possessing a nuclear capability, Iraq has shifted into a safer area of slander where hearsay, rumor and speculation can be offered as 'irrefutable evidence'."

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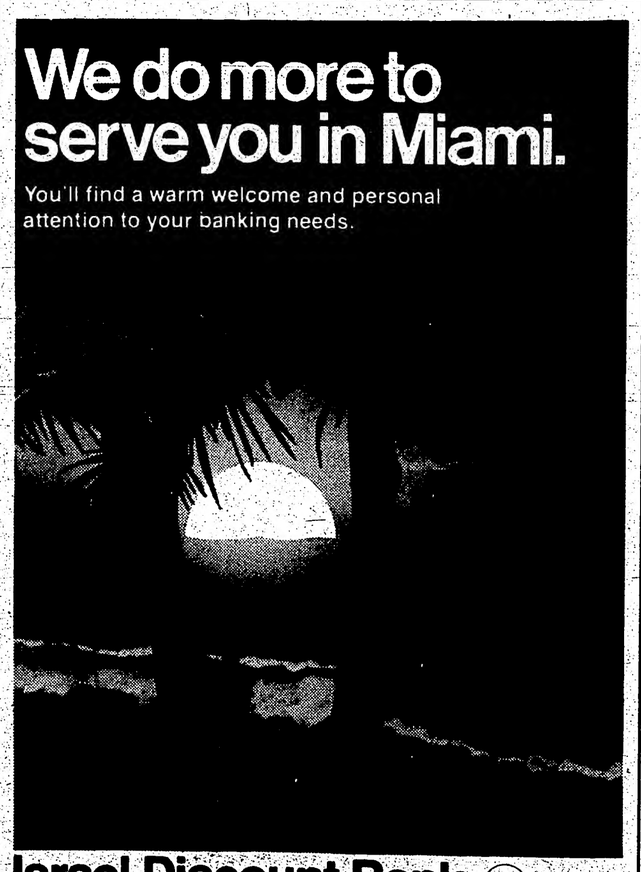

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Lily and Nat Silver were honored by their friends for their devotion to the Tel Aviv University at a Shaarei Shomayim reception. From left: Beatrice Shainhouse, Yehuda Blum, Sam Shainhouse, the Silvers, Jack Friedman and Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg.

Embodiment of UIA Canada in Israel, Sol Granek retires

By DONALD CARR

JERUSALEM —

The coffee mug on the desk proclaims "Just Don't Forget Who's Boss."

In the large office in the Jewish Agency building in Jerusalem, Sol D. Granek, director-general of United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc., Jerusalem sits, shirt-sleeved, his ever-present cigar at a pugnacious angle.

Behind him on the wall, is the photograph of Jack Rose, incumbent UIA of Canada Inc. president, not yet relegated to a lower level on the adjacent wall, where the pictures of his predecessors, Phil Granovsky, Tommy Hecht, Gordie Brown and Jacob Loewy stand in line, overseeing the occupant of the office and his many visitors.

Sol Granek, for the past 12 years the embodiment of the UIA Canada presence in Israel, retired at the end of 1979. He is reluctant to be interviewed; dislikes talking about himself, but readily discusses UIA activities in Israel.

Granek originally lived in Hamilton, St. Catharines and Montreal. He was active in the Canadian Jewish congress, serving as vice-chairman of the Central Region Educational Committee many years ago. He was the regional president of The Zionist Organization of Canada for four years, becoming the national vice-president and chairman of the board of the ZOC. He later became the national chairman of UIA Canada, when it was a standing committee of ZOC. In 1961, he became

Sol Granek

its national executive director as well as executive vice-president of the ZOC. Upon the creation of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada (which later became known as the Canadian Zionist Federation) he became its executive vice-president. He was the one who originally named it and was one of its architects.

In 1967, when UIA of Canada Inc. became a separate body, Granek and his wife, Gertrude and their two children made aliyah and he received his present appointment. Since that time, he has been responsible for running the Israel operations of UJA Canada.

Since moving to Israel, Granek has returned to Canada frequently, speaking on behalf of UIA in virtually every community across the country. In order to conform with stringent Canadian income tax requirements, every expenditure of UIA funds in Israel is first considered by the Israel Residents' Committee — a committee of former Canadian residents chaired by Professor Dr. Jack Gross, from Montreal. Its recommendations are then passed on to Canada where the UIA national executive finally makes decisions as to the appropriate recipients of UIA funds, collected in UJA and UIA campaigns throughout Canada.

The Israel Residents' Committee includes Nathan Silver, formerly of Toronto, deputy chairman; Menashe Broder and Maxwell Schwartz, both formerly Montreal lawyers; Rabbi Zambrowsky, formerly executive president of the Mizrachi Organization of Canada and now associated with Bar Ilan University; Dr. Frank Moser, formerly of Winnipeg; Dr. Yehkezkiel Cohen, formerly of Montreal and now Director of The Israel Academy of Science and Humanities; Jarvis Freedman, formerly of Montreal; Professor Ben Lappin, a professor at Bar Ilan University and formerly Central Region executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress; Dr. Samuel Lewin, from Montreal and formerly the executive director of the eastern Region of Congress and Joseph Bushekin, formerly of Calgary.

The committee meets regularly two or three times a year, and more frequently, when necessary. The members of the Committee are appointed by the national executive of UIA of Canada and there is an annual review.

Granek operates with a small, efficient staff, consisting of Moshe Jackson from Toronto who is Granek's assistant, and two or three secretaries.

Granek's duties, in addition to ensuring that the Israel Residents' Committee operates properly, include liaison with the Treasury Department of the Jewish Agency which makes recommendations for various projects. He has to ensure that there is proper documentation for every penny spent. He visits the various institutions which are the beneficiaries of UIA funds, but at the same time, he ensures that there is no duplication of activities by utilizing the Jewish Agency as a resource arm.

Among the activities which have been supported by the UIA during his tenure are the construction and ongoing financing of absorption centres in Ashdod and Ashkelon. A rental housing scheme for singles which will be completed by the end of this year, in the Talpiot Mizrach district of Jerusalem, is owned by UIA Canada. In addition, support is given to residents of absorption centres elsewhere in Israel, as well as funding youth services in various youth villages. Students in vocational schools, where there is no statutory responsibility on the government, are also beneficiaries, as are students who are at virtually every university in Israel. Assistance is given to the needy and the aged, where there are insufficient funds from their pensions to keep them at a reasonable subsistence level.

Granek looks back on the activities in Israel and recognizes the monumental task which has been undertaken and is still being looked after by UIA of Canada.

There are a disproportionate number of residents in mental institutions in Israel. This is as a result of the Holocaust as well as the large numbers who fled from Arab lands.

In the past UIA of Canada has paid for the transportation of immigrants and their belongings from Rumania.

One of the important activities of UIA has been the preparation of programs for various missions of UJA leaders from Canada and the supplying of schlichim and speakers to go back to Canada to assist in the various campaigns.

A loan committee is a subcommittee of the Israel Residents' Committee. This provides loans to Canadian immigrants and their children on the basis of need, with a minimum of red tape.

Over the past years Granek organized a council of volunteers, drawn from various fields of endeavour in order to assist new Canadian immigrants in their settlement in the country.

Granek is most disappointed at the lack of aliyah from Canada. "So long as we are a nation of only three million Jews, our survival is far from assured," says Granek. "From time to time I get the feeling that the Jewish people do not have enough desire for a Jewish state. What has persisted is a Galut philanthropic attitude". He bemoans the fact that in 1978 only 350 immigrants came from Canada, of whom 60% were returning Israelis. This year the figures have been little better.

Leo Marcus, formerly the executive director of UIA of Canada, replaced Granek as director-general in Jerusalem on Jan. 1st.

Drug to combat multiple sclerosis developed by Weizmann Institute

REHOVOT, Israel —

A new drug which may be helpful in arresting the progression of crippling multiple sclerosis has been developed at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. Clinical trials of the new therapy are about to begin at the Albert Einstein Medical Center of Yeshiva University in New York City.

For several years, a team of Weizmann Institute researchers including Prof. Michael Sela, institute president, and holder of the W.Garfield Weston Chair of Immunology there, has been using a synthetic polypeptide, named Cop 1, to arrest and prevent a laboratory-induced disease in animals marked by an auto-immune destruction of the nervous system similar to that occurring in multiple sclerosis.

In the experimental disease, the synthetic Cop 1 causes effective suppression in various animals including primates with man-like organs and functions, rhesus monkeys and baboons. Therefore, the scientists hope that the material may also be useful in parallel human situations.

Initial trials have already been carried out at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital in Jerusalem in collaboration with Weizmann Institute scientists. Four terminal, rapidly declining MS patients were treated with Cop 1. In three of them, though no improvement was achieved, no further deterioration in motor performance was noted during treatment. The fourth patient showed initial remission, but later suffered a relapse.

The researchers point out that due to the advanced stage of the disease in the patients treated in Israel, it was likely that irreversible nerve damage had already occurred and that motor improvement could not have been expected. They were, however, encouraged that there was no further deterioration of muscular performance during treatment and there were no signs of toxic or allergic reactions to the drug. Moreover, one of the patients did show improved speech and vision.

However, the small number of cases treated in Israel does not permit any conclusions, and expanded trials now planned such as those in New York and in the Federal Republic of Germany, should provide some definite answers, particularly concerning the applicability of Cop 1 to patients with less advanced MS.

Today, therapeutic approaches to multiple sclerosis—which are, at best, only partially effective — include general suppression of the body's immune mechanism with immunosuppressive drugs or treatment with steroids. However, these drugs often cause significant undesirable side effects.

Recently, a new approach to MS therapy has been initiated by Prof. Jonas Salk in the United States. In his team's trials, the doctors attempt to interfere with the specific nerve-destroying immune response by injecting patients with a natural brain protein. This technique is much like the desensitization therapy commonly used to treat hay fever, known more familiarly as allergy shots. The suggested trial with Cop 1 is based on a similar desensitization principle. If found effective, Cop 1 will be advantageous, since it has neither toxic effects nor immunosuppressive activity.

At present, the Weizmann Institute-developed approach is a totally experimental one.

Jews have a 'mortal stake' in resolution of energy crisis

TORONTO —

It is vital that Jews demand mandatory conservation requirements from their governments, David Saperstein, director of Washington's Religious Action Centre, told a forum at the 55th General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, recently held at the Sheraton Centre and Hotel Toronto.

"Jews do have a mortal stake in the energy crisis," Saperstein stated. "OPEC's use of the oil weapon has had a tremendously detrimental impact upon Israel. We as Jews should be concerned with helping people to help themselves, through increased energy independence."

The UAHC's General Assembly, beyond exploring the repercussions of the current energy crisis upon Jews and Israel, further examined a number of issues affecting Jews on an international level ranging from the plight of Jews in areas of political tension, to arms control and social justice in Israel.

Energy forum moderator Harris Gilbert of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield, New Jersey, categorized the utilization and waste of energy as a "profound moral problem," and joined Saperstein in urging that "the Jewish community confront the energy challenge and take the lead."

The moral implications of wasting energy were expanded upon by Professor Peter Sindell of McGill University who stated that a "respect for life is fundamental to our religious heritage. Judaism without a heartbeat is not Judaism. We need to move towards a society motivated by spiritual rather than material values."

Sindell, a participant in McGill's "Gamma" program, a future studies Think Tank, called for a "Conserving Society" and outlined the various viewpoints maintained by society towards energy.

The popular attitudes, stated Sindell, are that technology will save us in the future, and that there should be a more equitable distribution of social justice to ensure that all receive their fair share of available energy.

Sindell advocated that society must change its basic focus and begin to conserve energy, not only through "hoarding", but more importantly, through recycling.

"The essential elements of a conserver society," emphasized Sindell, "are the reduction of waste, consideration of future generations, and harmonious attention to nature which is currently being treated as a dumping ground, an outhouse."

Sindell projected three future scenarios based upon society's present treatment of the energy crisis: Society will attempt to do more with less through a continuation of present functions, but with as little waste as possible. This would involve substituting the renewable for the non-renewable on a massive scale and the institution of the rental society concept — saving by sharing.

The second scenario, termed the stable society, would see a curtailment of technological progress and a greater concern with distribution of existing resources.

The final projection, which Sindell referred to as the Buddhist option, would see a refocus on the spiritual values rather than the material.

"We would do less with less," stated Sindell, "by reducing our needs and expectations. We should not be concerned of air that we breathe."

Although Sindell acknowledged the final scenario as being the most radical, he emphasized that such an attitude is vital to cultivate in order to rectify the moral implications of a situation in which the Third World countries lack the resources to satisfy even the most basic of human needs.

Sindell warned the forum that the alternative to not adopting a conserving society policy is a movement towards a "squander society" — doing less with more — which will ultimately be economically and morally destructive.

New ZIM man

MONTREAL —

M. Morgenstern, head of Zim Israel Navigation Company in the Western Hemisphere, announced the appointment of Rafael Kochav as president of Zim Canada Ltd., a fully-owned subsidiary of the Israeli shipping line.

Elie Wiesel, well-known author, got together with Lydia London [left], Harriet Morton and Evelyn Wolfe at the recent Jewish Book Fair held at the Jewish Community Centre, Northern Branch, in Toronto.

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Sacrificing for peace

Israel surrendered recently, dead on time and in accordance with Appendix II of the Peace Treaty with Egypt, another chunk of Sinai, half the size of the West Bank and Gaza.

It would be thought that the Cabinet, which met on the same day, might have found something to say about this momentous change of borders. What after all is **hasbara** (information) all about?

Israel is depicted by her enemies (assisted not a little by the vocal exploits of Gush Emunim) as an aggressive land-grabbing power. Yet — for the third time this year — she has physically withdrawn from territories that had been under her occupation for 12 long years.

The sacrifice this time is hard. Not only Mount Sinai has gone; so have the Alma oil wells, pioneered and developed by Israelis. Their handover to an Arab State has reduced Israel's foreign exchange by several hundred million dollars a year, and enriched Egypt by a corresponding amount.

The cabinet might have adduced this as evidence before all and sundry that the Jewish people do not seek to occupy lands which are not a part of their historic heritage. The nation is proud that it is evacuating a large area, at great cost to itself — because it wants peace with its Arab neighbors and is prepared to pay dearly for the privilege.

This editorial is reprinted through the courtesy of the Jerusalem Post, where it was originally published last month.

Guest editorial

A righteous Gentile

By ELSIE BREUER

In a decade when literature and vernacular on the Holocaust seem to be gaining an increasingly central position in the public spotlight, there still remain a brave few standing quietly off the side. Honored in Montreal recently by the Canadian Jewish Congress and Yad Vashem Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority for her heroism during the Second World War, Mrs. Barbara Makuch is one such person.

Being in her presence, holding her hand, one could not help but gaze in admiration at this Polish woman, who sacrificed her freedom while attempting to save the lives of Jewish children. Thirty-five years later, she now receives the Righteous Gentile Award for her bravery at a time when it was so rare and so hard to stand up, and so few who cared.

Though she couldn't see them, my mother stood near me, in her light gray coat in the cool dawn, holding my little brother's hand. My father was there with stooped back under the heavy knapsack. My little sister with wide, dark, frightened eyes, with my graying, old grandfather, as I saw them all last time.

My young friends came too — though unseen by others — schoolmates, relatives, young and old, babies and adults, 49 of them. And they didn't come for themselves either, I told Mrs. Makuch. We all came together, living and dead, in the name of all the others: all who died of starvation, of tortures, of bullets, of beatings, of cold or fire, water or gas. All who were raped, humiliated, all who went mad, who committed suicide. All the deprived, childless mothers and orphaned children. All the widows and widowers, and all who are living with broken souls forever.

I had to face her and thank her for them, because she is very precious for all of us. She was a rare exception in those times, at those places. She is like a miracle, a myth or legend gone by.

She doesn't understand why she is so special, or why others didn't feel as she felt.

I don't understand it either. The pain still hasn't left me. Maybe it never will.

Now a Montreal resident, Elsie Breuer is a survivor of the Holocaust.

Urgencies of substance

The Washington **Post** recently published a penetrating editorial hailing Israel's "amazing and commendable" action in "voluntarily abandoning the one source of oil under their control." The editorial praised Prime Minister Begin for living up to his country's commitment to return the oil fields (which had been developed by Israel) under the terms of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty and observed:

"Israel is now completely at the mercy of others for its energy supplies. Its debt is already murderous; the new step will raise its energy bill by perhaps half a billion dollars a year."

The growing recognition of Israel's sacrifices for peace — and the new American appreciation of Israel's PLO terrorist problem, resulting from the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Teheran by Iranian terrorists — may encourage the Carter Administration and the Congress to look more favorably on Israel's recent request for increased economic aid and military assistance.

Israel is currently receiving U.S. aid at the same level as in 1976. But because of rapid inflation in the cost of military hardware and the increasing sophistication of today's weapons systems, the amount of defense equipment that Israel could purchase with $1 billion in 1976 now requires an expenditure of nearly $2 billion.

The urgent need for Israeli preparedness is understood by the growing military build up of Israel's potential enemies. Syria, Iraq and Jordan are arming to the teeth. Libya is spending huge amounts of its oil revenue on Soviet war material. Any weakening of Israel's deterrent capability would sharply increase the chances of war.

Israel's staggering burden of debt is another pertinent factor. Today Israel has the largest per capita debt in the world. Its citizens are already taxed at a rate of 66 per cent of gross income. In the coming fiscal year Israel's debt service to the United States will amount to $750 million, approximately the same amount as economic aid presently provided by our country.

Finally, although the United States has appropriated $3 billion to finance Israel's withdrawal from Sinai, most recent estimates indicate that the cost of this huge operation will be much closer to $4 billion.

The crisis in Iran underscores the increasing importance of Israel as America's most reliable strategic ally in that vital region. It is therefore critically important that when Israel's requirements for economic and military aid for fiscal 1981 are considered, they be increased substantially above the levels that have been provided since 1976. North America's security as well as Israel's depends on it.

Unholy trivialization

We note with considerable disquiet the tendency on the part of the mass media to trivialize the Holocaust through the use of the word itself in inappropriate circumstances.

On Nov. 29, 1979 at 7:10 p.m. Alan Maitland co-host of the popular **As It Happens** series introduced a segment on the infamous Jonestown debacle in Guyana last year by characterizing the event as a "holocaust."

English usage has now apparently sanctioned the use of this terrible word which has specific resonances for Jews - to describe any unfortunate disaster, irrespective of its magnitude.

The theft of this word has been accompanied by the appropriation of another term which resonates Jewish suffering - genocide. The celebrated novelist James Baldwin used this word to describe the plight of Black children in Harlem and did not recant when challenged on the impropriety of his vocabulary.

We have not, however, seen a more base devaluation of the idea than its recent usage in a front page story of the Toronto Star on Sunday, Dec. 2, 1979. The newspaper devoted its first page coverage to a heavy snowfall that hit the city the previous evening.

The following sentence appeared in the second paragraph of the story: "The Don Valley Parkway is a real holocaust. Nothing much is moving in either direction, said one weary police officer at No. 5 district traffic unit late last night."

It would be charitable to say that the inflation in the use of the term can be attributed to the general lack of discipline in modern society or to the susceptibility of journalist to "buzz" words they think they understand but do not. Journalism has not been noted for its respect for the grandeur of the English language.

What is disturbing, however, in the linguistic gaffe committed by incautious people is that it represents the ultimate insensitivity. The Holocaust, as Cynthia Ozick has pointed out, "was not a snowflake," - nor, may we add, was it a big snow fall.

When one adds the misuse of the word to the campaign now underway to deny the factuality of the destruction of Europen Jewry (Elie Wiesel said at the Toronto Jewish Book Fair that 95 books have been published now to support that heinous assertion) one begins to ponder the threat to Jews that lie beneath these phenomena.

U.S. reluctant to recognize Israel's needs in maelstrom developing around her

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

The U.S. and Israel have narrowed but not eliminated their differences in calculating the current Arab-Israeli arms balance.

This emerges from a top secret U.S. Defence Department study, details of which have been made available for the first time to **The Jerusalem Post.**

According to the study, military and political intelligence experts in Israel and the U.S. continue to disagree on several important factors involved in determining the arms balance.

In general terms, the U.S. is more optimistic about Israel's ability to meet any realistic threat from the Arab states through 1984.

Israeli military planners, during discussions with their American counterparts, insist that Israel must assess its national security needs on the assumption that all the Arab confrontation and peripheral states will succeed in mounting an effective, combined surprise attack utilizing all their force and troop strength.

The U.S. study, which was largely the work of the Inter-Agency Middle East Task Group, described this scenario as "highly unlikely", largely because Israel's intelligence is so good that it could detect a significant build-up of Arab forces, especially if sizeable expeditionary forces are involved.

The U.S. study assumes that Israel will never again tolerate a sizeable Arab buildup — once detected — without first initiating "preparations and counteractions." Simply put, this means that Israel would make a pre-emptive strike.

The U.S. and Israel also disagree on the Arab states' ability to bury their own differences when planning military operations. Israel assumes the Arabs will succeed, while the Americans merely note that Arab ability to avoid internal conflicts for a combined assault against Israel is an uncertainty.

The U.S. study speaks of two possible scenarios for a Middle East war.

- a tactical surprise by the Arab confrontation states with the dispatch of expeditionary forces beginning only after fighting has erupted. This scenario assumes it would then take the peripheral states from two to 10 days to get their troops and equipment in place.
- a buildup of Arab forces resulting in a pre-emptive Israeli strike.

From the Arab point of view, this second scenario is less desirable because it allows Israel to choose the time, place and strength for the pre-emptive action.

In both scenarios, the U.S. study says, the Arabs would risk certain military defeat in an effort to achieve political victory.

The Americans believe that the first scenario is the more likely because it would minimize Arab losses and allow for speedy international calls for a cease-fire before Israel is fully mobilized for a counter-attack.

In discussing the first scenario, the study includes a catergory of "mainly confrontation" states — Syria and Jordan on the eastern front; Egypt on the western front; Egypt, Syria and Libya on the Mediterranean front, designed to block Israeli shipping from the outset; and Egypt, Saudi Arabia and South Yemen on the Red Sea front, also blocking Israeli shipping.

The study discusses Israel's perceptions of its security requirements in considerable detail.

One of Israel's major objectives is to have a force sufficient to display "credible deterrence" and, therefore, avoid a risk of war.

But if deterrence and international efforts to avoid war fail, Israel wants to have the military force to ensure its survival and territorial integrity and to defeat its opponents "soundly," according to the U.S. study.

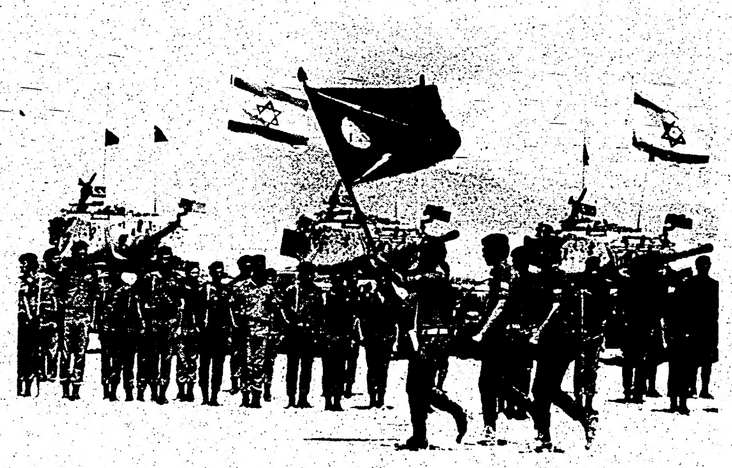
Israel assumes that future Middle East wars will be like the 1973 Yom Kippur War, with a surprise attack from massed Arab forces, including expeditionary units, against an unmobilized Israeli army, the study said.

In seeking U.S. arms, Israel is described as wanting to have a capability, first, to deter Arab aggression; but, assuming that fails, Israel wants to be able to destroy "future Arab war-making potential."

Because the Arab states are described as willing to accept a military defeat to achieve political fains, the traditional rationale behind deterrence does not hold, the study says.

The study goes on to note that Israel's arms requirements are determined by a relatively narrow range of options if there is another surprise Arab attack.

It says that Israel first would try to defend one front while planning for the earliest possible counter-offensive on the other front. Israel, according to the study, would begin an "orderly introduction" of reserves to gain the initiative and "carry the war to the other side."



New graduates of Israeli Army tank commander course hold a parade somewhere in Sinai.

The presumption of the earliest possible Israeli counter-offensive "lies at the core of Israeli planning" because of territorial and personnel constraints.

The study says that Israel's strategy is to "inflict the maximum destruction in the shortest time" to ensure "long recovery."

The study also notes that as long as Israel thinks its military situation is eroding, the possibility of a pre-emptive strike is more likely.

At the same time, the Arab states view any Israel "force expansion" as reducing their future military options.

Therefore, according to the study, the Arabs become more ready to accept probable defeat by launching a coordinated strike to gain political benefits.

Both Israeli and Arab fears combine to create a very unstable situation in the Middle East.

The U.S. Defence Department study concluded that Israel could defeat "any combination" of Middle East antagonists during the next five years assuming continued delivery of U.S. arms already authorized for sale.

It was largely on the basis of that study that the administration concluded that Israel's current military posture and U.S. interests in regional stability would best be served by supporting Israeli "force modernization but not expansion."

In discussions with U.S. officials, Weizman and other Israeli leaders have pressed for additional advanced U.S. military equipment because of their fear that Israel's qualitative edge may weaken after 1984, given the lead time required before actually taking delivery of sophisticated arms and aircraft.

The study was asked specifically to address the question of the impact of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty on Israel's military strategy and therefore on Israel's military requirements.

It said that Egypt's military threat to Israel "cannot be discounted" for the "immediate future." But it added quickly that the treaty potentially has significantly reduced the overall Arab threat against Israel.

Yet the study acknowledged that Arab hostility toward the treaty and Egypt places "restrictions" on Egypt's ability to influence regional activities.

Therefore, Egypt was included by the Pentagon in one of the hypothetical scenarios for another all-out Arab war against Israel.

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Yitzhak Navon favored by many

'Slick Shimon' a liability to his party

israel today

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Mr. Peres was in Toronto recently to promote his continued leadership of the Labor Party.

The Israel Labor Party would have no trouble winning the next elections, which are likely to take place within a few months, if it could only find some way of dumping its present leader, Shimon Peres.

This is the conclusion most observers here draw from recent public opinion polls. For when voters were asked which of the parties they supported, twice as many came out for Labor as for the Likud. But when asked which prime minister they would like to see head the next government, a solid majority chose defence minister Ezer Weizmann (as head of a Likud list) over Peres (as head of a Labot list).

So if Weizmann is allowed to take over from Begin, Israel may be in for a rerun of the Kennedy-Nixon contest of 1960, with personalities and imgaed images playing a morte important role than issue.

Ezer Weizmann, like Jack Kennedy, has a boundless and rather boyish charisma which wins friends and influences people everywhere; in Egypt, for instance, he is by far the most popular Israeli personality. Moreover, even when Weizman makes serious mistakes, as in the initial stages of the controversy over Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak's, the public pays little heed to them.

But Shimon Peres, like Richard Nixon, lacks this charisma. On the contrary, he comes across, almost without regard to what he does or says, as being less than trustworthy, a kind of "slick Shimon" from whom you wouldn't buy a used car.

This is hardly fair to Peres, who has a distinguished career of public service to his credit, first, in the Defence Ministry, as a protege of the late prime minister David Ben-Gurion, and later in a variety of other spheres. Indeed, in whatever post he has held, Peres has proven himself an excellent organizer and a polished speaker (in English and French as well as in Hebrew).

Yet all this doesn't dispose of his image problems, which have been aggravated of late by former premier Rabin's ceaseless revelations and pseudo-revelations about Peres.

For those who want to believe that the Labor Party chief is unscrupulous or hypocritical there is ample evidence, as there is about any politician.

Take his attacks on the Likud for giving in to the Orthodox on such issues as abortions and military service for religious girls. No one doubts for a moment that Peres too would have agreed to ban abortions on social and economic grounds and to exempt religious girls from military service if he needed Orthodox support to retain power. But he is in opposition and so he can afford to be self-righteous.

On related issues, the hypocrisy of Peres and his colleagues is evident even more. In the same week, for example, that Peres was telling Reform and Conservative Jews in the United States that he would fight to ensure equal rights for all forms of Judaism in Israel, The Jerusalem Post reported that the Labor Party had reached agreement with the National Religious Party to exclude members of Reform and Conservative congregations from the councils which regulate religious affairs in Israel's towns and cities.

Labor has also been less than honest in its hysterical reaction to the austerity measures introduced by Likud finance minister Yigael Hurvitz, because many of them are clearly unavoidable and had previously been recommended by party spokesmen.

But perhaps it is asking too much of Labor to be "responsible" at a time when the Begin Government is faltering and probably will fall on wither economic or religious issues before too long.

If and when that happens, Weizman will almost certainly take over from Begin and Labor will then have to decide whether it can afford to go to the polls with Peres as its leader. In fact, this issue is already being hotly debated by the various Labor Party factions which Peres has tried, with scant success, to unite.

Insiders are guessing that, at the last moment, Labor may turn to Isr... extremely popular and capable president Yitzhak Navon, to lead the party or perhaps to head a government of national unity.

Navon, who was a Labor Party stalwart before assuming his present, non-partisan post, has stated several times that he would not return to party politics until he had completed his term of office in 1983, if then.

But should the pressure be strong enough, and particularly should it come from several parties, Navon might change his mind.

Letters to the Editor

Critic of Orthodoxy shown inaccurate in his 'baffling' description of Shabbat

It is a curious kind of "most authentic Judaism," indeed, that Rabbi Wolfe Kelman proposes, (as reported in your edition of Nov. 22, 1979), if we judge authenticity by his statements.

Orthodoxy is inconsistent, the rabbi declares, because "Jewish authorities condemned [sic!] Sarah Shenirer, who founded the Beth Jacob School system in 1924, for wanting teach women Torah and Chumash..."Now," Kelman says, "it is the pride and joy of right-wing Judaism."

The facts are, of course, that the "Jewish authorities" of the time such as the saintly Chofetz Chaim, the acknowledged leader of Orthodox Jewry, the Gerer Rebbe, head of the largest Chassidic movement, in Poland, enthusiastically welcomed and supported Sarah Shenirer's work. There might have been some fringe groups who opposed her — though not to my knowledge — but then, our teacher Moses too, had opponents. Someone less encapsulated within the rhetoric of Conservative Judaism would rather see in Sarah Shenirer's pioneering and successful work another manifestation of the creative force active within Orthodox Judaism.

However completely baffling is another statement attributed to Rabbi Kelman i.e. "that the Orthodox debated saving a life on the Sabbath for over 200 years." I can hardly believe that even the most militant Jewish opponent of Orthodoxy could make such a monstrous statement. There was, of course, never any discussion on this. Not only is it **not** forbidden to desecrate the Sabbath, if even the **possibility** of danger of life exists, it is a duty, a mitzvah, to do so. And "whoever is eager to do so deserves praise...whoever asks questions concerning this is (like) one who sheds blood" (Shulchan Arukh, O. Ch. par 327, 2).

It is remarkable that one of the standard commentaries on this paragraph, quoting the Talmud, remarks that if there is one "who even asks questions concerning this" the rabbis are to blame for not teaching publicly the duty to desecrate the Sabbath in order to save a life. May Rabbi Kelman take note.

Henry Biberfeld, P. Chem
Montreal

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It's about time the Jewish marriage licence certificate, as defined by our rabbis, include a health warning:

Divorce can seriously damage your health.

H. Max Selden,
Toronto

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In recent months I have noticed a phenomenon which may well be a sickness hitherto unreported, which I propose to call Bar Mitzvah Broken Bone Syndrome (BBES). The malady appears in boys about two months before their Bar Mitzvah, manifesting itself as a broken or fractured arm or hand. The break is always healed in time for the bar mitzvah itself. My evidence comes from observing three of my own students who suffered in this way within the last ten months, out of a class of about ten. Girls preparing for their batmitzvah never seem to be affected. I do not possess statistics from emergency wards, which I suspect would show a significant difference between the frequency of limb injuries in pre-bar mitzvah boys and in Jewish boys of other ages and in non-Jewish boys of the same age.

The absence of such statistics does not deter me from erecting a hypothesis to explain the facts, which I leave to others to demonstrate. BBB seems to be an example of psychosomatic injury. Dr. A. Linken, Medical Officer at University College London (England), has often expressed the view that all sickness, including 'accidents,' is psychological in origin. In our case we are apparently dealing with accidents that occur to careless subjects undergoing the unnatural stress of having to learn unfamiliar words and rituals in a short time. This is aggravated by coming at a time when their hormonal balance is changing rapidly, which has been suspected of producing dramatic effects, e.g. levitation, ESP etc., in pre-pubertal girls.

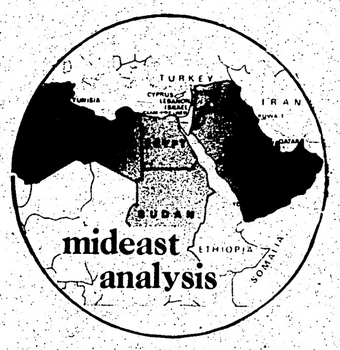
I await with interest the opinion of colleagues in the medical profession. In the meantime, perhaps the Board of Jewish Education should consider establishing a course in bone-setting.

Charles Heller, Toronto

Shimon Peres at the Knesset.

The writ of the past looms large today...

Moslem fundamentalism and pan-Islamism



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

One thousand four hundred years have elapsed since the flight of the prophet Mohammed from Mecca to Medina. And as Islam enters its fifteenth century, it is being rocked by a revivalist movement of almost universal extent.

The rise of the Ayatollah Khomeini, the current crisis in Iranian-American relations, the burning and sacking of the U.S. embassies in Pakistan and Libya, respectively, and the unprecedented hostage-taking drama in Mecca's Grand Mosque, are developments related to an upsurge of Islam now convulsing the Middle East and Western Asia.

Like an earlier Islamic revival about 100 years ago, the 20th century version is a reaction against Western influence in the region, modernism and corruption.

Although Islamic revolutionaries have adopted the slogans of the past, they do not necessarily agree on ultimate aims. Some advocate omnipotent Islamic governments, while others seek regimes conforming to medieval models headed by a caliph.

In **The Arab Mind,** anthropologist Raphael Patai aptly summarizes the grievances of Arabs — and indeed Moslems — against the West.

For disillusioned Moslems, the West has destroyed the geographic integrity of the Arab world, flooded it with corrosive Western ideas which have swamped the Arab spirit, offered them such false gods as technology, materialism and consumerism and exploited their natural resources.

For Moslem believers, a reconstructed Islam is practically the only weapon at their disposal. It is the most powerful force with which to combat the forces of imperialism, typified by the United States and Israel. As Iran radio put it: "Iran is the vanguard of the Islamic uprising in the world. It is the duty of every Moslem to defend the Islamic movement of Iran against its satanic enemy, the United States, and to rise against American interests and those rulers who benefit from and support these interests, wherever they are."

Today, militant Moslems rebel against Western economic interests in the Middle East, and rail against their support of Israel. In the 19th century, an Islamic revival was triggered by the disintegration of the Moslem Mogul Empire in India, the Russian occupation of Samarkand in 1868, the Turkish defeat at Russian hands in 1877, the French colonial takeover of Tunisia in 1881 and the British conquest of Egypt one year later.

The Moslem reaction against Western encroachment has been encompassed in the idea of pan-Islamism. According to historian Bernard Lewis (**The Middle East and the West**), the concept was spawned by Turkish reformers who founded an organization called the Young Ottomans, and was probably inspired by the examples of German and Italian nationalism and unification. (Indeed, modern Herzlian Zionism also got its cue from the Germans and the Italians.)

Abdulhamid II, the Ottoman sultan, co-opted the ideas of the Young Ottomans and advocated a limited and controlled form of pan-Islamism. But it was left to such zealots as Jamal al-Din al-Afghani, Muhammad Abduh and Rashid Rida to formulate the essentials of pan-Islamism — a movement from which Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini must gain some inspiration.

Pan-Islamists sought to modernize Islamic society and Islam according to the precepts of the Koran. In doing so, they thought, they could resist Western imperial pressure and rebut criticism by the West of islamic institutions.

A Shi'ite Persian who posed as an Afghani Sunni, Jamal al-Din (1838-1897) considered Islam as both a faith and a civilization. "The appeal for (Islamic) unity is the theme which runs through al-Afghani's work," writes Albert Hourani in Arabic **Thought in the Liberal Age.** "Both the common danger (of the West), and the value which all Moslems share, should outweigh differences of doctrine and traditions of enmity."

Contrary to misconception, Jamal al-Din did not want to create one all-embracing Islamic state from the Atlantic to the Persian Gulf, but rather a strong spirit of co-operation among Moslems. Like his followers, and indeed like the contemporary mullahs in Iran, he had a low opinion of Moslem rulers of the day, blaming them for capriousness, irresponsibility and Western entrenchments in the Middle East.

Another leading figure connected with the intellectual revival of Islam was an Egyptian, Muhammad Abdul (1849-1905), who at first was closely associated with Jamal al-Din.

Islam, he wrote, had fallen on evil days as a result of internal weakness and Western pressure. Islamic values, which have been corrupted and distorted by bad rulers, must be restored so as to confront Western ideas. Now, Abdul was not an obscurantist who foamed at the mouth. He admitted the achievements of European civilization, but held that it was not possible to transplant its laws and institutions to Egypt.

He insisted on returning to the pure, unadulterated and uncorrupted faith and practice of early Moslems, and thus Abduh's concepts were reminiscent of the Nasqshbandi revivalists and the Wahhabi puritans, the latter of whom rule Saudi Arabia today.

"Islam seemed to him to be the middle path between two extremes: a religion fully consistent with claims of the human intellect and the discoveries of modern science . . ." writes Albert Hourani.

Till the end of his days, Abduh called for an overhaul in Egypt's Islamic institutions, its legal system, schools and methods of government.

The movement of ideas with which he has become associated is known as the Salafiyya, the followers of the great ancestors. Interestingly enough, the Moslems who took over the Grand Mosque in Mecca last month described themselves as adherents of the Salafiyya.

Rashid Rida, a Lebanese (1865-1935), was the guardian of Abduh's Islamic writ. He, too, linked the decay of Islam with improvidential Moslem rulers. No doubt Rida greatly influenced an Egyptian secondary school teacher named Hassan al-Banna, the founder of the Moslem Brotherhood.

Still a somewhat potent force in the Middle East, particularly in Egypt and Syria, the Moslem Brotherhood was established in 1928, and banned by the Egyptians in the late 1940s and mid-1950s as subversives.

Inspired by the Salafiyya, al-Banna attracted a mainly lower middle-class following: clerks, policemen, petty traders and university students. Flaunting a fiery slogan, "The Koran is our constitution," al-Banna promised peasants a program of more equitable taxes and a social service network based on Islamic cooperatives. Merchants were roused by the promises to rid Egypt of the hundreds of thousands of foreigners (Christians and Jews) who dominated Egyptian commercial life. Students and intellectuals who supported al-Banna did so partly out of nationalistic reasons, and partly because of the high unemployment rate among white-collar workers.

Al-Banna pledged that when an Islamic state was set up, its leaders would be guided by the "ijm'a principle," or consensus of the citizenry. Al-Banna, scholar Cantwell Smith writes, would "transform Islam from . . . the antiquated preserve of professional traditionalists tied in thought and practice to a bygone age, into an operative force actively at work on modern problems."

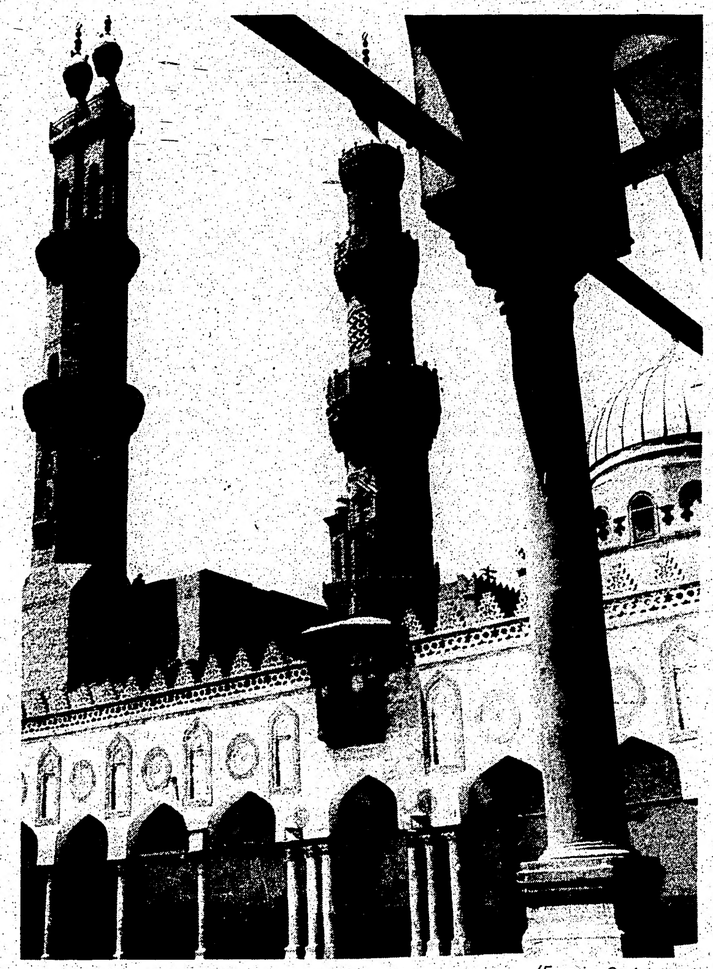
David Binder, in **The Ideological Revolution in the Middle East,** claims that al-Banna was prepared to accept or reject any ideology, provided it was good: "Hence, if nationalism meant freedom from Western influence, it was good; if it meant love of country, it was good; if it meant reconquering the country (from the British), it was good; but if it meant dividing the community, it was evil — and the community for Hassan al-Banna was a community of belief."

Obviously, contemporary Moslem reformists, or revivalists, have been influenced, to one degree or another, by the Young Ottomans, Jamal al-Din al-Afghani, Mohammad Abdu, Rashid Rida and Hassan al-Banna, among many others, who have preached a stirring message of Islamic militancy.

Ayatollah Khomeini and his fervent acolytes in Iran have probably read, and now advocate this message, much to the disquiet of the West and, undoubtedly, Israel.

The question, in the aftermath of the current turmoil in the Middle East, is whether pan-Islamism, the code of Khomeni, will swamp such creeds as pan-Arabism (which to critics has always been an illusion and a fantasy) or Arab secularism (whose credibility was shaken by the Lebanese civil war).

Narrow nationalistic interests, together with the economic and military hold of the West over the Middle East, may doom pan-Islamism, and consign Khomeini to history's dustbin. But it would be unwise and ahistorical to underestimate this movement, which has a potential worldwide following of nearly 800 million.



(Egyptian Gov't. photo)

Graceful minarets fill the smoggy skies of Cairo, a centre of Islam in the Moslem world

Black states' trade with South Africa is about ten times that of Israel's

By KENNETH JACOBSON

NEW YORK —

Some critics would have the public believe that Israel has special economic relations with South Africa. There is no basis for this assertion.

Based on the latest statistics of the International Monetary Fund, South Africa in 1978 exported $66 million worth of goods to Israel, 0.5 percent of South Africa's total exports, and imported $28 million worth from Israel, 0.4 percent of its total imports. By contrast, South Africa's exports to Black Africa totalled $499 million, or 4.1 percent of the total exports, and imported $239 from Black Africa or 3.2 percent of total imports.

Further accentuating the insignificance of Israel-South African trade are the statistics for Western nations: exports to the US, United Kingdom, Japan and West Germany amounted to $4.7 billion worth of goods, 39.4 percent of South Africa's total exports; imports from these countries totalled $4.8 billion, 65.0 percent of total imports.

Moreover, as the New York Times reported on April 8, 1979, South African trade with Black African countries is undoubtedly a good deal larger than the statistics; since they are officially boycotting South Africa, secrecy is a political imperative.

The Arab states also engage in widespread secret trade with South Africa. Until the Arab oil boycott of 1973-74, Saudi Arabia supplied about 25 percent of South Africa's foreign oil; since then its oil suppliers have been classified, but it is well known that the Arab oil countries have purchased large amounts of gold from South Africa over recent years, presumably in exchange for oil, which South Africa imports at a rate of 400,000 barrels a day from "unknown sources."

In sum, more than 99.5 percent of South Africa's business in trade takes place with nations other than Israel.

In the area of arms traffic, the accusation of "collaboration" between Israel and South Africa is equally false. Before the UN embargo, while the Western world was heavily engaged in arms traffic with South Africa, Israel's involvement was inconsequential. Between 1963 and 1975, more than $1 billion worth of arms and war materials were sold to South Africa. France was by far the largest supplier, followed by the United Kingdom, the United States, and West Germany.

Another side of Israel's foreign policy relates to the history of Israeli relations with Black Africa. During the 1950's and 60's there were few nations that had greater respect than Israel in these developing nations because of its own invaluable experience in making the transition from a backward to a progressive economy.

The emphasis in Israel's aid was on training programs, particularly in basic sciences and technical methodology. By 1970, the fifteenth year of Israel's foreign aid projects, Israel had cooperation agreements with 19 African states which involved sending Israeli experts abroad and having Black African trainees study in Israel. The focus was on agricultural development and also on medicine and health, education, management and public service, construction and building.

Then came the 1973 Yom Kippur War and the Arab oil embargo threats. Most Black African states succumbed to those threats and cut off relations with Israel. At the very same time that Black Africa was abandoning the besieged state, South Africa was offering Israel assistance.

Its modest relations with South Africa notwithstanding, Israel continues to vote against apartheid in the United Nations time and time again. Since the Egyptian-Israeli treaty, it is once again dealing privately with a number of African countries.

Since the attacks on Israeli relations with South Africa are intended to weaken American black support for Israel, it is relevant to discuss Arab relations with Black Africa. One Kenyan journalist stated in the New York Times: "The Arabs tried to make slaves out of us 500 years ago and now they're trying to do it again."

The Kenyan was referring to the new slavery to Arab oil. Because of recent increases, Kenya now spends a third of its foreign exchange earnings on oil. This in turn means delay of badly needed development projects designed to increase food production and to provide schools, roads and electricity to many parts of the country. "Money they would have been putting into development they're now going to use to pay the Arabs," is how an American economist described the economic havoc.

While the impact of the oil price increases has been heaviest on Black Africa, there has been no corresponding aid program from the Arab countries, despite the rhetoric of Third World unity.

Between 1973 and 1977, 77.6 percent of the aid given by Arab OPEC members went to neighboring Arab countries, with only 7 percent to Black Africa. Clearly, Arab oil policy has generated immense economic problems for the nations of Africa, while the Arab countries themselves have benefitted greatly from this wealth. The Sunday Nation of Nairobi articulated Black African concern: "Among the members of the neck-strangling club called OPEC are our 'brothers' from Arab countries and other African nations such as Nigeria. Whenever we meet their brothers in other forums, such as the Organization of African Unity, they do everything possible to make us support their cause of backing the Palestinians. But apparently when they meet in their other club — OPEC — they tend to forget our brotherhood."

In conclusion, the crucial relations for South Africa are those with Black Africa and the Arabs and not with Israel.

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South Africa's Trading Partners, 1978

Ranked by magnitude, $millions (Based on IMF statistics, Direction of Trade, 1979)

	Export	%
Total	12,162	100.0
1. U.S.	1,709	14.0
2. U.K.	1,390	11.4
3. Japan	885	7.3
4. W. Germany	815	6.7
5. Black Africa	499	4.1
17. Israel	66	0.5
	Import	**%**
	7,422	100.0
1. W. Germany	1,528	20.0
2. U.K.	1,218	16.4
3. U.S.	1,129	15.2
4. Japan	950	12.8
5. France	567	7.6
6. Italy	269	3.6
7. Black Africa	239	3.2
23. Israel	28	0.4

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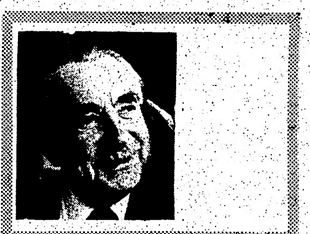
(Ben Lechtman photo)

Group of students in Toronto show their support for Soviet Refuseniks Ida Nudel and Anatoly Scharansky at demonstration.

Yes, I addressed Chanukah-Christmas dinner



By J. B. SALSBERG

Yes, my dear readers, I actually did it. I was the guest speaker at an official "Chanukah-Christmas Dinner."

It was a first in my crowded life as a public speaker and now that it is over I have no regrets and no apologies for appearing there.

In fact the evening proved to be a very emotional, very sentimental and very memorable experience for me and I would like to share the experience with you, the chosen ones, whom I meet week after week in this blessed corner.

But let it be known that I do not suggest that you decorate your home with a "Chanukah bush" as many of our "brethren" are known to do, in this day and age, here, elsewhere and, perhaps everywhere in the Christian world.

Let it also be known that I understand and try to promote the understanding of the fundamental difference between the two historic events — Chanukah and Christmas — that happen to occur annually about the same time.

Let it, however, also be understood that I'm not blind to the inescapable fact that the present pattern of our Chanukah celebration bears unmistakable traces of the commercialized Christmas fanfare that mesmerizes the people among whom we live.

In my childhood, in "the old country", the dates of the two events did, of course, also coincide. But the ways we observed the two historic events were worlds apart from each other. It was as if they took place on different planets.

We lit candles every morning for an entire week accompanied by once-a-year blessings that were chanted with the special, Chanukah tunes. We ate latkes, we tasted the delicacy of hot "greeven" or "greeneves". We played with dreidlech and we were given "Chanukah gelt," a few copper or silver coins, to buy goodies with. Chanukah gifts, costly and numerous, like our Christian neighbors offer each other for Christmas on this continent? It was unheard of, yes, and unthinkable! "Chanukah Cards" like the Christmas cards of our neighbors? Meshugeh?

But, of course, we live in a different world now. We are part of, what's now called, pluralistic societies. Our non-Jewish neighbors don't call us "Christ killers" on Christmas. We attend Christmas parties in schools, offices, hospitals, etc., etc. Our children go to the same schools (if not in the lower grades then in the high schools and universities) as their neighbors do. They are, in their predominant numbers, integrated into the cultural fabric of society at large and Jewish children are naturally attracted to the tinsel and the buying and giving hysteria that builds up during the annual approach to Christmas.

Yes, it's a different world. Nevertheless there are very few mixed, Chanukah-Christmas celebrations arranged in our community. So how did it happen that I attended such a mixed affair a couple of weeks ago? And how come that I not only attended but was the invited speaker for the occasion? The answer is to be found in the great social and cultural changes that swept over our Jewish community during the past 50 years.

The Chanukah-Christmas dinner was arranged by the Fur Workers Union. (The Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the International Ladies Garment Workers arrange similar affairs during the festive season.) Max Federman and Al Hershkovitz are its leaders with Federman being the undisputed national helmsman of that union for more than half a century. The fur trade, in the past, was one in which the Jewish workers (at least in Toronto) were the predominant force. In the fur dressing section (in Toronto) the Ukranian workers were the supreme ethnic group.

The furriers, like all other sections of the clothing trade industries (or needle trades, as they were called) were predominantly Jewish. Yiddish was the unchallenged language in the shops in the union offices and meeting halls and they played a key role in the social, political and cultural life of the Jewish community.

The "needle trades" unions were also very militant. They had to be in order to survive and in order to elevate the industry from the chaotic, fiercely competitive contracting, home-work system and near sweat-shop conditions to some measure of cost uniformity, reduction of hours of work and the provision of, what was called, a living wage.

The fur union was not different from the others. Indeed it suffered from some evils more than did the other branches of the clothing industry. And, as a result, it was always involved in, as Federman calls it, "bitter struggles."

So, you will ask, how does such a militant union, led by such a prominent Labor Zionist as Max Federman, come to arrange a "Chanukah-Christmas Dinner"? And how do I, of all people, happen to become the "guest speaker" of such an unusual affair?

I'm ready to explain it all to you, but I can hear the cry that my space it up. So I ask you to have patience and to meet me here next week when we will share everything (the leiden un die freiden, as they say in Yiddish) that I experienced at the Chanukah-Christmas Dinner. It's a date.

Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

PALMERSTON SHUL PERPETUATED

After many years of service to the south Toronto Jewish community, the Palmerston Shul closed its doors during the past year and the property was sold. Now an agreement between the Associated Hebrew Schools and the congregation of Agudath Israel Anshei Sfad (Palmerston Shul) has been completed whereby the synagogue will be perpetuated by the dedication of the auditorium in the schools' new Leslie Street education and recreation campus. At the formal dedication the shul's five Sefer Torahs, now on loan to various synagogues in the city, will be presented to the Associated.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

On Sunday, Jan. 6, at 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation's adult education program continues with Part 3 of its symposium "Searchlight on Jewish Leadership". This session, entitled **Jewish Religious Leadership,** deals with questions of Orthodox activism, kashruth, inter-marriage, education, the Orthodox community's role in lay leadership of Toronto's communal affairs. Speakers include Rabbi Irwin Witty of the Board of Jewish Education, Rabbi Aaron Grossbaum of the Lubavitch Community Centre and representatives from the Kashruth Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. Rabbi Zigmund Wolkenstein of the Israel Frankel Jewish Public Library is chairman.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

At Beth Tzedec Congregation, there's a Shabbat study luncheon after services on Saturday, Jan. 5, with guest speaker Ben Kayfetz who will discuss **Are Jews Secure.** Prepaid reservations are a must, so drop in to the synagogue office at 1700 Bathurst St. to make your reservation.

BRAMPTON-BRAMALEA COMMUNITY

The North Peel Jewish Association is going great guns! Its third annual and very successful Chanukah party attracted some 100 parents and children in the Brampton-Bramalea area. The program was highlighted by folksinging, a play performed by the Hebrew school children and candle-lighting by adults and children. In addition to establishing the Hebrew school and arranging holiday celebrations and social activities, the NPJA is involved in a variety of programs and services for its members and the Jewish community in the area. Anyone interested in knowing more about the Brampton-Bramalea Jewish community, contact Susan Bloom, public relations chairman, North Peel Jewish Association, P.O. Box 2094, Bramalea, Ont., L6T 3S3, or call Information Bramalea at 457-9612.

CHANUKAH AT QUEEN STREET

Regular Shabbat services are conducted on Friday mornings at Queen Street Mental Health Centre by Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, director of Chaplaincy Services of Toronto Jewish Congress. A special Chanukah service was held on Dec. 21, just prior to the end of the holiday. The Canadian Mental Health Association distributed gifts to all patients on Dec. 25, with those for the Jewish patients designated as Chanukah gifts.

NCJW COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

For women in the Willowbrook-Kings College area — The National Council of Jewish Women invites you to coffee and conversation on Wednesday morning Jan. 9, to meet your neighbors and to find out about all the activities NCJW has to offer. You can bring the children along as they will be supervised while you are having your coffee. The time is 9:30-11:30 a.m. at 28 Gretman Cres. (off Linderman). For information, call Penny Krowitz at 889-0210 or Terry Goldenberg at 493-8753.

FILM ON POET A. M. KLEIN

Be sure to tune in on CBC-TV on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 10 p.m. for **A. M. Klein — The Poet As Landscape,** the life and art of the Montreal poet Abraham Moses Klein recalled by his family and friends. Filmed on location in areas of Montreal where he was born and spent his youth, this documentary shows, through his writings, the effect that city had on his life and art. Among those commenting on the man they knew are Sophie and David Lewis, Leon Edel, Max Garmaise (Klein's partner in their law practice), David Rome, Irving Layton and Ruth Wisse. Film was directed by David Kaufman and produced by him in association with the CBC.

CLUB CANADA AT YESHIVA U.

Club Canada, made up of about 100 Canadian undergraduates at Yeshiva University, held "the last Shabbaton of the decade" last Friday night and Saturday, Dec. 28-29, at the university's midtown centre in New York City. The scholar-in-residence of the program, Rabbi Irwin Witty of Toronto's Board of Jewish Education, spoke on **Canadian Jewry in the 70s — Proposals for the 80s.** Also present were guest speaker Michael Spingarn, youth director of Beth Tikva Synagogue, Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec, and Vice Consul of Canada C. Collins Robertson. The student committee responsible for the event was comprised of Alan Perlmutter and Vidal Keslassy of Toronto, Lawrence Shafran of Vancouver, and Tova Wohl of Montreal.

SINGLES TAKE NOTE

North-East Jewish Community Services single parents group has planned a family program for Sunday, Jan. 6, at 2 p.m. at Seneca Village Square Community Centre (Finch E. and Don Mills). It is the second annual unbirthday party. Parents and children are requested to bring running shoes as there will be sports and games for all ages. For RSVP and information, call Eileen Garber at 493-8866.

King David Lodge B'nai B'rith, now in formation, is holding a general meeting for single men and women on Monday, Jan. 7, at 8 p.m. at the BBYO House, 15 Hove St. There will be discussion about the format for the group and future functions and programming. For information, contact Murray Reiter at 783-8881 or Neil Natahn at 497-3525.

SENIORS' HAPPENINGS

The Senior's Discount Plan is in full swing! The Centre for Creative Living has compiled a loose-leaf booklet containing a list of 160 stores in the Steeles-Eglinton, Yonge-Dufferin area where senior citizens are given discount. The initial cost of the booklet, $1.50, and includes additional lists as more stores are contacted. You can pick one up at the centre at 15 Hove St. (Bathurst-Sheppard area). The phone number is 630-3200 for information.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club + 50 meets on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 1:15 p.m. with humorist Philip Cohen who will speak in Yiddish.

The Workmen's Circle Chanukah party was filmed for TV and airs on Thursday, Jan. 3 at 6:30 p.m. on Metro cable Channel 10, and on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 9:30 p.m. on Keeble Cable Channel 10. For more information, call Shirley Grotell at 222-7727.

About 500 full-time students study with Ohr Somayach

By SETH MANDELL

JERUSALEM —

Five young Canadian men are currently helping to create a new type of Jewish consciousness here in Jerusalem. Bo Tradburks of Ottawa, Lorne Franklin of Montreal, Peter Breuer of Toronto, Bruce Cooper of Winnipeg, and Joel Cohen of Kitchener, form the core of a group of young Canadian Jews deeply involved in the study of Torah Judaism at a unique and successful educational institution. They are young men of limited Jewish education who have returned to an identification with their people and its religion through the efforts of Ohr Somayach, The Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum College of Judaic Studies.

Ohr Somayach has introduced thousands of college age young people to Judaism over the past seven years. Today, the Ohr Somayach network of educational institutions has grown from three original students to five hundred full-time students from all over the world. In addition a few thousand people are participating in an adult education program, studying in eight branches in Israel and one in America.

Jerusalem alone holds four learning centers. Separate men's and women's divisions for English speakers and native Israelis include dormitory and cafeteria facilities for over three hundred people. An Ohr Somayach community, south of Haifa in Zichron Yaakov offers young families an opportunity to continue their Jewish studies while raising children in an idylic country setting. A little further south in Givat Ada a work study program is offered, designed for individuals wishing to continue the study of Judaism while pursuing their professions. Other part-time study programs are offered in Tel aviv, Haifa, Rehovot and Jerusalem.

The deans at Ohr Somayach, former Torontonian Rabbi Nota Schiller, Rabbi Mendel Wienbach, and Rabbi Carl Yaakov Rosenberg, helped begin Ohr Somayach with the concept of team effort.

According to Rabbi Schiller it was in Toronto that he and Joe Tanenbaum first discussed the concept of what was to become Ohr Somayach. Tanenbaum wanted to create "a major educational center in Jerusalem for students with no Jewish background" Schiller said. The area they pinpointed as the most fertile ground for real accomplishment was among Jewish college youth alienated from their heritage and about to be lost to their people forever.

One such young man was Bruce Cooper of Winnipeg. Bruce was so alienated from Judaism before coming to Ohr Somayach that in previous years he had played in a golf tournament on Yom Kippur. Today he studies full-time in Jerusalem and plans to continue for a second year before returning to Winnipeg. Lorne Franklin of Westmount in Montreal had no involvement with Jewish education after he had his Bar Mitzvah. "As far as I was concerned, there was no reason not to marry a non-Jew" he said. Three and a half years ago while on a tour to Israel, Lorne's uncle convinced him to come to a class at Ohr Somayach. "I had nothing to do so I sat in on the class," Lorne said. "The worst that could happen, I thought, is that I would learn something." The class was so interesting that Lorne wanted to continue learning.

According to Rabbi Schiller, the phenomenal growth of Ohr Somayach from three students to 500 fulltime students in seven years plus a few thousand people in adult education programs, can be attributed to three factors. "The classical texts speak of three requirements for success," he said. "Time, place and people. The sense of searching in the '60s and '70s, of trying different alternatives to the lack of values in the technological era were not answered by the counterculture, the anti-war movement, and so forth. "Torah," he continued, "is so old, it's new. The distance from their Torah roots established by those who came to America wanting to achieve stability in a new land enabled their children and grandchildren to see Torah in a new way. The second and third generation do not have the burden of achieving stability. Security allows them to address themselves to the broader questions of why am I alive and might there be a purpose to existence. "That is the time element."

Robert "Bo" Tradburks graduated from Carlton Univ. in his home city of Ottawa. "I took philosophy in college because I was looking for meaning," he says with a smile. Bo felt that he could find meaning by living in Israel for a year and studying Judaism at Hebrew University. When he arrived for the preparatory Hebrew course, he found a complete void of any meaning.

Bo originally came to Ohr Somayach to arrange for a rabbi to give a class at the university. The class was so interesting Bo decided to spend his nights studying at the Ohr Somayach. After a summer of learning Torah full time, he returned to Ottawa to finish his degree in philosophy. "I wanted to put Judaism to the acid test," he said, "to see if it could stand up to rational thought. It stood the test."

The place element in the three part Ohr Somayach success story is of course, Jerusalem. "The mystique, the romance, the history of Jerusalem has an effect on every Jew," Rabbi Schiller says. "It's not necessarily conscious. Even if he can't articulate it, it's there. The stones of Jerusalem tug like a magnet on the soul of every Jew."

Peter Breuer was born in Czechoslovakia 28 years ago. Ten years ago he moved with his parents to Toronto. Peter had absolutely no Jewish background. During a business trip to Switzerland someone offered him a free trip to Jerusalem. He jumped at the chance. "People had been thinking about and yearning for Jerusalem for thousands of years, and here I was with an opportunity to make that dream come true, to actually come here and experience it." Peter, a graduate of Carlton University school of architecture, was tremendously impressed with the physical plant of the central campus in East Jerusalem. "I wasn't prepared for such an attractive place, which was very important for me because I had all the stereotypes of what a Yeshiva would be."

After studying as a full-time student for eight months Peter was able to find work as an architect with a religious firm with the help of the rabbis of Ohr Somayach. Today he works until the afternoon and studies at Ohr Somayach from three o'clock in the afternoon until late at night. "I consider myself lucky to be in this yeshiva in Israel. It is uniquely possible to combine work and study because of the values of the people here who consider learning as valuable as working." Peter plans to get married in February to that young woman who originally interested him in a return to Judaism.

The final criteria for success is people. According to Rabbi Schiller, "Ohr Somayach was able to put together a structured program of scholars who could simultaneously articulate and synthesize the genius of Jewish scholarship in a modern idiom'. It's like putting together an all-star team of major people in the field dedicated to the ideal of bringing young people back to Judaism," he said. "They are people who believe in what they are doing." Joel Cohen of Kitchener says of his experience. "The rabbis try to emphasize a practical approach to every day affairs. How to align our actions to what we study," Rabbi Schiller continues, "One of the issues always discussed by new students is the rabbi's ability to make the transition of what is talked about in the classroom into everyday life."

"The difference between a dreamer and a visionary," according to Rabbi Schiller, "is that if you pay your electric bill while you're pursuing your vision, you're a visionary; if you don't, if you neglect your responsibility to individual students, to the units that make up the whole, you're a dreamer."

Hor Somayach works closely with the army and the kibbutz movement in a joint attempt to reestablish a connection with Jewish heritage. The government is heavily involved in the finances of the Yeshiva, providing about 25-30% of the budget. In addition, to the army and kibbutz projects the government is interested because of the effect Ohr Somayach has had on aliah. About 300 families have settled in Israel as a result of their connection to Ohr Somayach.

Toronto industrialist Joseph Tanenbaum met with Israeli prime minister for a chat recently. From left: Tanenbaum, Nota Schiller, Ken Spetner, Ezer Weizman and Begin. Schiller is dean of Ohr Somayach and Weizman is defence minister.

...about people

'Mixed Metaphors', an exhibition of color photographs by **Pat Fleisher,** editor of Artmagazine, goes on display at the Koffler Gallery of the Koffler Centre of the Arts for three weeks starting Sunday, Jan. 6. The show, making its first Canadian appearance, comes direct from the Palm Springs Desert Museum in California where it received highly acclaimed reviews.

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Toronto musician-composer and CJN music critic **Rick Kardonne** is listed in the 1980 International Who's Who of Music which is published in Cambridge, England, every three years.

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Four members of the Toronto community have been named to the board of directors of the Council of Jewish Federations — **Dr. Arnold A. Epstein, Philip Granovsky, Jack M. Rose** and **Rose Wolfe.** CJF is the association of more than 190 federations, welfare funds and community councils which serve nearly 800 communities in Canada and the U.S. The board is the Council's central governing body supervising policy, finance and programs.

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Former Torontonian **Cara Goldberg Marks** writes from New York that works of hers are on display at Yeshiva University Museum in New York and also at the B'nai B'rith Philip Klutznick Museum in Washington, D.C. The Yeshiva U. exhibit, called 'See and Sanctify', features Jewish symbols. The show in Washington, 'Seal Upon My Heart', celebrates the Jewish wedding. One of the more unique pieces is a gingerbread house Cara was commissioned to bake and decorate. It is a 'Bayit ne'eman B'klal Yisroel' (a home faithful to Judaism). They are also selling a book co-authored by the artist and her husband entitled 'Behold Thou Art Consecrated Unto Me.'

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In a simple ceremony on a Jerusalem hillside last month, the Jewish people paid homage to **Raoul Wallenberg,** the Swedish diplomat who helped save 100,000 Budapest Jews from the Nazis. Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Foundation, planted a tree bearing his name in the Avenue of Righteous Gentiles. Unlike previous recipients of this honor, Wallenberg was not present. He was seized as a spy by the Russians at the time of Budapest's liberation. The Soviet Union says he died in Moscow's Lubyanka prison in 1957. Sweden is not convinced and his family hopes that Wallenberg, who would be 67, may have survived.

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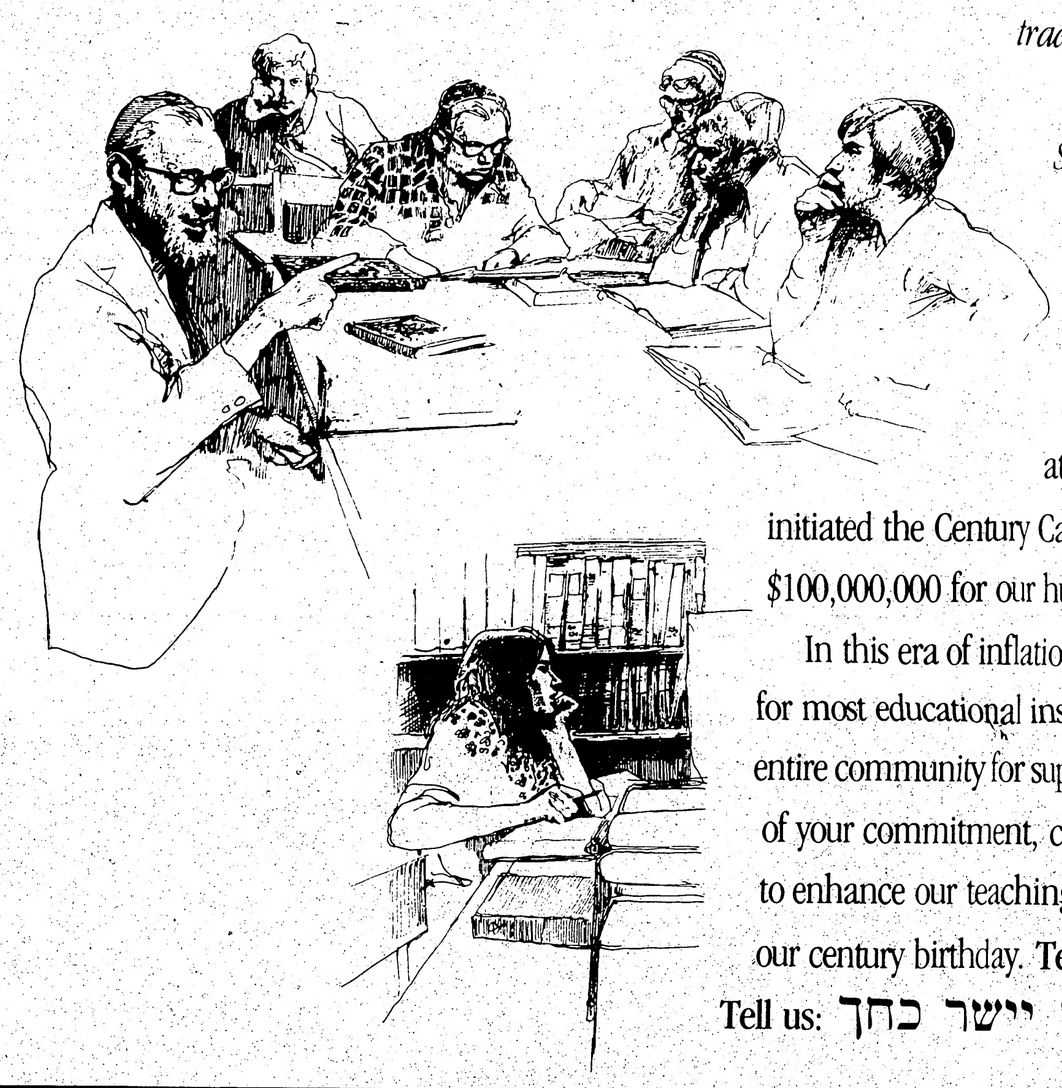

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"But it shows — wine is for drinking, not for wasting time talking about it . . ."

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How bitter were Jacob's years when he was separated from his precious son Joseph. Finally, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers and sent a gift of old wine to his aged father. And Rashi adds — "old wine, which old men derive pleasure from its taste . . ."

It's strange, though — of all the gifts to send! Was Jacob such a big drinker that all Joseph could send was old wine? Why not a gemara, or a new change of clothing?

"But it shows . . . too often we set an old person aside. We think that people past a certain age have passed their usefulness. Too often we treat them like children, when really they understand much more than we do.

That's why Jacob derived special pleasure from Joseph's gift. The older wine gets, the better it gets. Young wine is bitter, aged wine is mellow, is easy to swallow. Joseph hinted to his father that although Jacob was old, Joseph made it clear that he still had much to learn from him.

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Consider . . . when Joseph met his beloved, youngest brother Benjamin, the two brothers fell in tears on each other's neck. What were they crying about? But each brother was a prophet. Benjamin saw that the holy sanctuary of Shiloh, which would fall into Joseph's territory, would be destroyed, so he cried. While Joseph saw that the two Holy Temples, that were in the territory of the tribe of Benjamin, would be destroyed, so he cried.

But it's strange — why should each brother cry for the destruction that would take place in the area of the other? Why didn't they cry about their own future calamities?

But it teaches — a Jew must feel another Jew's suffering even more than his own. We have to crawl out of our own skins, and feel for the next person.

There are apartment buildings in Toronto and Montreal where thousands of Jews feel lonely and isolated. "I'm all alone! people cry. But right next door, in the next apartment, across the hall are people just like them who have their own tzorus, also lonely — who need help.

If we would just forget about ourselves a little and think about others — what a **lichtiger** world it could be! Shabbat Shalom.

Raising child Jewishly shouldn't be taken for granted, rabbi says

By VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO — Raising a child in our generation to feel, think and live Jewishly cannot and must not be taken for granted, says Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin, author of two bestsellers, **To Be A Jew** and **To Raise A Jewish Child.**

Speaking on the subject of the dynamics of a Jewish upbringing at the Jewish Community Centre recently, the rabbi expressed concern over the erosion of Jewish identity, the rampant increase in intermarriage, and the dissociation of many from Judaism.

"We have learned all too well how to take our place in Western society," declared Donin, who served as spiritual leader of B'nai David Congregation in southfield, Michigan, for 20 years. "Now we must concern ourselves with the Judaization of our children."

As founder and president of the Akiva Hebrew Day and High School in his community, he emphasized the importance of a well-rounded Jewish education — at home, at school and in the community.

"The very first school for a child is at home; his most important teachers are his mother and father," stated the rabbi, holder of an MA in guidance and counselling from Columbia University and a PhD. in the philosophy of education from Wayne State University.

Parents, he said, educate in many ways. "They set behavior patterns by the guidance they give, the things they tell, the examples they set, the environment they create at home, the neighborhood in which they choose to live, and the schools they select."

Rabbi Donin, who now lives in Jerusalem with his wife and four children, keenly endorses the Jewish day school system over any other. A total Jewish education — only obtainable at a day school — blends the head (knowledge), the heart (emotion) and the hand (action), admitted the rabbi.

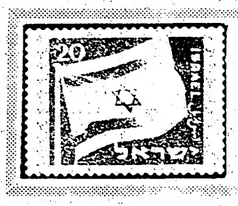
"It is a place where values are crystallized and shaped, particularly during the crucial teenage years." Based on recent research, Donin found that ten years at Sunday school was equivalent to three-quarters of a year at a Jewish day school.

Refuting the common conception that this type of in-depth education is only for the observant Jew, Donin confirmed: "The less Jewish the home, the more the Jewish day school environment is needed to fill out the balance."

Currently completing work on a new book, **To Pray As a Jew,** scheduled for publication in 1980, Donin urged young Jewish couples to have one more child than they ordinarily would have.

"These would be the living memorials of those deceased in the Holocaust. We Jews owe it to ourselves to replace the loss of the six million — not through the dedication of new buildings, but through our young."

Father of Zionist settlement commemorated in stamps honoring historical heroes



stamps

By CHAIM YEHUDA

JERUSALEM — The sixth set of prominent figures in Israel's modern history was issued on Nov. 13, 1979, in memory of Arthur Ruppin (denomination, IL. 7), Joseph Trumpeldor (IL. 9), and Aaron Aaronsohn (IL. 13). These stamps, designed by Z. Narkiss of Tel Aviv, are printed by the government printers using the photogravure process in sheets of 15 with five tabs.

Arthur Ruppin, who is remembered as the "father of Zionist settlement", was born in Rawicz, Prussia in 1876. He eventually entered the University of Berlin and studied law, economics, and natural sciences (biology in particular). While practicing law, he directed the Jewish Statistical Bureau in Berlin from 1903 to 1907.

Ruppin soon distinguished himself in Jewish sociology. He published several noteable works, including **Die Juden der Gegenwart** in 1904, which consisted of demographic and statistical analysis of the subject. This work was updated a number of times and translated into several languages.

Ruppin became identified with practical Zionism and in 1907 went to Eretz Israel to examine the possibilities of further Jewish settlement. His first appointment as part of the Zionist movement wsas to head the organization's office in Jaffa in 1908.

During the early period, Ruppin laid the foundation for Zionist settlement; in later years, he brought in and resettled thousands of refugees from Nazism.

He is best remembered for his important work in the purchase and reclamation of land, acquiring much of the Jezreel Valley for the Palestine Land Development Corporation and the Jewish National Fund, encouraging land purchases in the Tel Aviv area, buying tracts of the Carmel for Haifa's growth, and obtaining properties from the Greek Church for the establishment of Jerusalem suburbs.

Ruppin's death in 1943 ended a brilliant career.

The material in this column was supplied and space purchased by the United Jewish Appeal.

There's been much activity in the Physicians division, with several meetings and card coverage. Shown at recent gathering are Drs. Alvin Newman, Fred Langer [chairman], Harry Krakowsky, Joel Jeffries, Howard Tile [Health Professions chairman], and Otta Veidlinger

Hope you all had a good holiday and are ready to resume campaign responsibilities with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

You will note that the picture at the head of this column has been changed — I'm smiling, as we begin to settle into the new decade and the next phase of the 1980 UJA campaign.

There is much to be done, many prospects to contact and I am optimistic. I feel good about Israel showing the world more and more that she is the ONLY stable democratic force in the Middle East and that she has more than proven her willingness to compromise to bring about a lasting peace.

I feel good about my fellow Jews, particularly the people I have been meeting with week after week since this campaign began. Their total dedication and dependability have been a source of great strength to me and I am very grateful to have them working along with me. I've come to fully realize that UJA really is a **team** effort in every respect.

Since he recently accepted the chairmanship for the Lawyers division, **Leonard Fine** has lost no time in lining up a first-rate group of co-chairmen.

Before the end of the year, he held a meeting at his Goodman & Carr office with his co-chairmen **Enid Hildebrand, Norm Schipper, Martin Sable, Bernie Scherer and Harold Spring.** A lot of **innovative** suggestions to help make this a pace-setting campaign for the division came out of the meeting and we will keep you informed as they are finalized and implemented.

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I've been getting nothing but good "vibes" from Women's Division. **Judy Gwartz** reports that they are already halfway through the campaign and showing steady increases of 12%. The series of pullins and telethons, which began in November, will be continued into the new year, along with other behind-the-scene activities.

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And speaking of telethons, **Nat Hurwich** tells me that his Synagogue division has planned for at least three in January, and reminds us that Saturday, February 16 is **UJA Sabbath Day.** We're counting on rabbis throughout Metro to emphasize the primacy of UJA as the most important fund-raising organization in the community.

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For the past several years, the "Silver Seven," a group of Major Gifts canvassers, has been bringing in close to $1 million each. The group is made up of former campaign chairmen and Major Gifts chairmen who have a wide following and a highly experienced campaign approach.

I have been checking figures of campaigns in other cities and it's my opinion that the Silver Sevens' cumulative fund-raising efforts would equal the total campaign of communities like Denver or St. Louis.

Just how active these people are this year and how many new additions there will be to their ranks will have a major effect on Toronto's pace-setting role.

The Silver Seven are: **Jerry Halbert, Tubby Cole, Hy Isenbaum, Stephen Berger, Lionel Schipper, Allan Offman** and **Wilfred Posluns.** At least three are already in full stride at this point in the campaign. I'm counting on a lot more action from the others.

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Earlier in this column, I referred to the "primacy" of UJA. I would like to urge all canvassers to stress to their prospects that UJA is the ONLY campaign which raises funds for Israel and for local needs.

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CANVASSER OF THE WEEK: How fitting that we cite in the first column of 1980 a canvasser who is virtually a one-man blitz! The man we refer to is **Jack Spears** of the Heavy Industry Division, who not only goes after the people in his own division, but from what we have heard, has already canvassed 80% of the membership at Oakdale Golf Club. Jack has been a dedicated UJA campaigner for a lot of years and keeps coming back again and again for more cards to cover, and he does it beautifully. Thank goodness for the Jack Spears.

SPEARS

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MONTREAL — A call to complete its $250,000 support project for Hebrew University's Academon Student Bookshop will be one of the important items on the agenda of the 1980 Canadian Hadassah-Wizo biennial convention in Vancouver in January, it was announced by Clara Balinsky, national president.

"Over 70% of Israeli students lack the necessary funds for their school texts," she said. "The seriousness of the academic situation was impressed upon us at the university's last board of governors meeting by President Avraham Harman when he urged us to make the successful completion of our Academon campaign one of our top priorities."

Undertaken as a special project at Hebrew University last year, Academon Bookshop supplies students with numerous free services and steep discounts on their books. Hadassah-Wizo's help has brought Academon to the new Mount Scopus campus and, aside from premises, absorbs overhead costs and shares in subsidizing special start-of-the-school year discounts.

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Monday, January 7th, 8:30 p.m.
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Gordon Mendly (left) and Mrs. Mendly accept a certificate of appreciation from General Natke Nir, Israeli Chairman of the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel, at a recent Landsmanschaft Luncheon of the Association. This presentation was made to Mr. Mendly, Chairman for Landsmanschaften Organizations, for his magnificent efforts on behalf of the soldiers of Israel.

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These youngsters from London look absolutely thrilled to be attending their very own Hebrew school. Their parents also take pride in the new surroundings.

New Hebrew day school starts in London, Ont.

LONDON —

The London, Ontario Jewish community has taken advantage of declining public school enrolment in the province and purchased a permanent home for the London Community Hebrew Day School (LCHDS).

Purchased from the local school board this past summer, the LCHDS bought the former Broughdale public school and is offering complete secular and Jewish courses from kindergarten to grade 5.

Board chairman Dr. John Stoffman is very optimistic about the future of the school.

"We already have almost 60 students and hope to proceed up to grade 8 as our current pupils progress in their studies. With a Jewish population of about 2,000 people in London, we are very proud to be the smallest Jewish community in North America to run an independent day school."

The school, although traditional in its appraoch to Judaism, has a broad base of support because of the excellence of its program and low pupil-teacher ratio of 10-1.

The school, originated in 1966 by Professor Yitzchak Block and his wife Leah, has been variously located in a rented house, portable, and synagogue afternoon school rooms. Mrs. Block continues to run a thriving nursery, "Gan Gani" which has become the main source of pupils for the day school.

Vice-chairman of the board and head of the fund raising campaign to purchase the school, Dr. Shel Krakofsky, claims that inflation will not negatively affect the growth of the school.

"Our fees are much lower than comparable day school costs in Toronto. At present we are about $600 cheaper with an annual tuition of $1,350. Of course these fees will have to go up, but no student has ever been denied an education in our school because of lack of funds. We are fortunate to live in a city where the Jewish Community Council and private individuals encourage and subsidize Jewish Day School education."

The school is well-equipped and features a lending library and resource centre run by the City of London. In addition the school has large playing areas and is directly across the street from a public park.

London community now has its own Hebrew day school.

Writers should start quarrels to be effective

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

The proper role of the Jewish writer is to try and raise a family quarrel to the cosmic level, according to Leslie Fiedler.

Fiedler, a professor of literature and highly respected author of a number of books, put forth this thesis at the recent Jewish Book Fair, held at the Jewish Community Centre here. His talk was sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women.

In a highly entertaining 45-minute speech to about 150 persons, Fiedler devoted the majority of his lecture to criticizing Nobel laureate Saul Bellow, an author "who began as a Jewish rebel, challenging the community out of which he came."

Fiedler showed a good deal of disdain for Bellow, saying that he believes he has changed from being a "Jewish rebel to a Jewish sage. He has become a defender of genteel WASP ideas."

Fiedler told his audience that with the falling birth rate and the increase in intermarriage there's a great threat to the Jewish American novel, among other things. He said that he figures the reign of Jews in literary fields has come to an end and that in 30 years or so it'll be difficult to even find a Jew in America.

Concentrating most of his comments toward Bellow, Fiedler said that when he reads Bellow his heart begins to sicken. "He has destroyed the Jewish American author" because he is no longer a rebel.

Fiedler said one of the most disappointing aspects about Bellow in recent years is that he "has rejected other Jewish American writers who are still willing to mock the WASP world."

But Fiedler did have a few good things to say about Bellow. At the beginning of his career, he was the ideal American Jewish writer, and created controversy. Fiedler made it clear that that is what makes a good author — a person who makes you think and question your ways.

He said that authors like Leon Uris and Herman Wouk are "no-talent writers who flatter their audience."

Fiedler feels Jews are becoming complacent because they are living in a world where it is no longer hard to be a Jew. "We no longer think of ourselves as being victims."

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Apartment for Hamilton Jewish aged

By MOURA WOLPERT

A change in the constitution of the Hamilton Jewish Federation and plans for a four-storey apartment building as well as the purchase of a house by the Jewish Home for the Aged emerged as the two most important items at the recent annual general meeting here.

As has been the practice in recent years, the meeting was a combined one of federation, the Jewish Community Centre and the Home for the Aged.

Under a new constitutional amendment, formulated by constitution committee chairman Gary Chertkoff, the first vice-president of the federation board of directors becomes chairman of the board. It is "a change," observed incoming president Norman Bennett, "that will benefit us in the future."

Bennett succeeds Bernard Greenbaum while Dr. Michael Sherman becomes the new chairman of the board. Dr. Sherman is outgoing president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and under another amendment the UJWF president will henceforth be named first vice-president, thus serving as chairman of the executive board.

"We need the continuity that every other organization has," declared Bennett, noting that now UIA would get the recognition it deserves and thanking "the many presidents I served under as I moved up the ladder of federation." He praised his predecessor as "the epitome of stability."

Following the recent purchase of the Macklin Street site, the Jewish Home for the Aged is now ready to go ahead with architectural plans for a four-storey apartment building, announced outgoing Jewish Social Services chairman Leslie Lasky.

Plans call for 39 residential units with full supporting services and with funds collected over the past four years, a major bequest and "the very generous terms and strong support it has received from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation" it is hoped that the home will be largely self-supporting.

"In fact," said Lasky, "the financial situation will allow for new and innovative programming to make the Hamilton Jewish Home for the Aged the leader and developer of positive outreach programs and care for the aging family in a Jewish setting."

In order to qualify for a substantial bequest under the will of the late Jacob Rosenstadt, a millionaire who died here last year in his late 90s, the Home has also purchased a house on Queen Street South to serve as a residence for six senior citizens and a resident housekeeper.

With very few alterations required for conversion of the house and preliminary screening for qualifying residents already under way, it is hoped the home will be in operation by early spring of 1980.

Lasky further reported that with the Jewish Community Centre considering a property in Dundas as a possible site for its new building, the Home has been approached by the J.C.C. to examine the possibility of a joint project, and the board of directors, he said, "is interested in pursuing this approach."

Federation executive director Samuel Soifer announced that the 1979 UJA campaign "has not only surpassed the 1978 total...but, except for the Yom Kippur War period, is the highest ever in the Hamilton community."

The UJA leadership team is a very young one, he noted, the "result of a young leadership thrust that can only benefit the community for any years to come."

Argentina buys oil from Arabs

BUENOS AIRES [JTA] —

The Economic Ministry announced that Argentina will fill its oil needs from Iraq and Saudi Arabia rather than from Ecuador, Venezuela and Mexico, the Latin American sister republics that have provided the country with crude oil in the past. Oil comprises about seven percent of the country's imports.

The announcement was made following the visit here of an Arab economic delegation representing both the moderate and "rejectionist" Arab states. Their mission was to stimulate trade with Argentina, especially food products which the Arab countries need to import. The delegation met with Economic Minister Jose Martinez de Hoz and other officials. According to press accounts, Middle East political problems were not discussed.

It was disclosed, meanwhile, that Argentina will seek eventual self-sufficiency in oil. The state-owned petroleum company, YPF, will receive large credits to explore locally for new oil sources.

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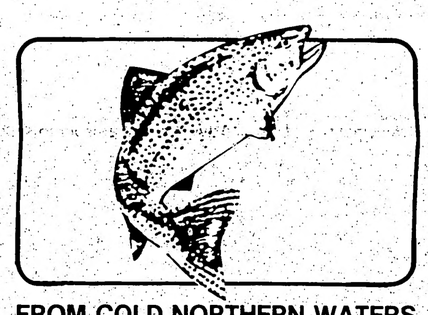

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Baycrest Centre recently received a wheel chair van from the folks at the Wilson Heights B'nai B'rith Lodge. Members of the lodge from left: Pat Bloom, Harvey Ross, Sonny Tweyman, look on as president Lawrie Fine presents keys for the van to Sam Ruth, executive vice-president of Baycrest. On the far right is Moe Freedman, the liaison officer between the B'nai B'rith Lodge and Baycrest.

Alleged Nazi war criminal is in trouble

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Alleged Nazi war criminal Tscherim Soobzokov was served yesterday with denaturalization papers by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark and the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations. A resident of Paterson, N.J., Soobzokov, 61, is chief inspector of the Purchasing Department of Passaic County. He is accused of having committed war crimes during the years 1942-45 after he went over to the Nazis when they invaded his home region of Krasnodar in the Trans-Caucausus region of Russia.

Upon entry into the U.S. from Amman, Jordan in 1955, he swore on his visa application that he "was with the German army" from 1942-45. In 1977, Soobzokov brought libel suits of over $10 million against Howard Blum, author of **Wanted! The Search for Nazis in America**, the New York Times, the Times' book subsidiary and the Literary Guild.

Soobzokov served in the North Caucausus Region created by the Nazis. He is charged with having been a member of a punitive unit that joined the German army and SS in various killing operations, but he denies this. According to the Berlin Documentation Center, on Jan. 4, 1945, Soobzokov was assigned to a unit of the Waffen SS as an Obersturmfuehrer or 1st Lt.

Before that date "It can be assumed that ...(he) performed services with organizations such as SS-Bandenkampfvergaende, SS-Einsatzgruppen or similar irregular forces," a Berlin Documentation Center analysis states. Einsatzgruppen were mobile killing units whose special targets were Jews, Gypsies, partisans and other civilians.

Articles by Nazi war crimes authority Charles Allen, Jr. in the December 1977 and March 1978 issues of Jewish Currents and by investigative reporter Herb Jaffe in a Newark Star-Ledger series in March, April and May 1978, documented Soobzokov's Nazi past and also his employment by American intelligence agencies.

Government sources credited both the Allen articles and Jaffe's series with having a great impact on the decision to file denaturalization papers against Soobzokov. Another alleged Nazi war criminal against whom the government filed denaturalization papers last month may also have been used by U.S. intelligence agencies.

Allen says that Karl Linnas, of Greenlawn, N.Y., has been active in political emigre groups such as the Assembly of Captive Nations which has been linked with U.S. intelligence operations. Linnas is the subject of a Freedom of Information Act request by Allen to ascertain if he is one of the 44 alleged Nazi war criminals the FBI admitted utilizing or contacting.

CONGRESS CALENDAR
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ADULT EDUCATION and CULTURE EVENTS
for JANUARY, 1980
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Jan. 8	Toronto Jewish Congress, Bible Study Group, Kohelet Chapters 8 and 9, Dr. Joseph Klinghofer, lecturer, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
Jan. 13	Beth David B'nai Israel-Beth Am Congregation, "Perspectives on Loneliness", Rabbi Reuven Bulka, lecturer, 55 Yeomans Rd., 8:15 p.m.
Jan. 13	Toronto Jewish Congress, Jewish Book Committee, "The Jewish author – How Well Does He Represent You", a Symposium with Rabbi Bernard Baskin, Allen Gould and Meyer Feldman, chairman, 5801 Leslie St., 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	The Joseph E. & Minnie Wagman Centre, "The Jews of Toronto and Ontario", Dr. Steven Speisman, lecturer, 55 Ameer Ave., 12 noon.
Jan. 22	Toronto Jewish Congress, Bible Study Group, Kohelet Chapters 10, 11 and 12, Prof. Marc Freiman, guest lecturer, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.

Sen. Church sounds a warning

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Sen. Frank Church (D. Idaho), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, warned here that America must not become victim to the "Arabized State Department" and called for bold, firm action to reassure Israel that "the United States stands solidly behind Israel in its efforts to implement the Camp David accord with Egypt, which remains the only sound basis for peace in the Middle East."

Church made his remarks before more than 500 leaders of the furniture industry at a nationwide Israel Bond dinner of tribute to Nathan Ancell, chairman of the board of Ethan Allen, Inc. at the Sheraton Centre. Ancell received the Israel Prime Minister's Medal. The event produced more than $3 million in investment capital for Israel's economic development.

The Senator said that he was worried about "a new doctrine of appeasement" which calls for "a grand design" for energy sufficiency which is aimed at weakening Israel's position in the world.

"Some candidates are saying that the energy crisis can only be solved by changing our policy in the Middle East," Church said. "They want us to trade Israel's sovereignty for Arab oil. You and I know that our fuel shortage cannot be solved that way. The Arab states and the other OPEC nations are running a business based on good engineering principles and the highest price that the market will bear — and this has absolutely nothing to do with Israel."

Church also assessed the situation in Iran, which he compared to Israel's experiences in the past, and declared that, like Israel, "we Americans above all else must never, never bend to blackmail."

The events in Iran and in the Islamic world "have driven home a lesson to American officials," he declared. "Never before was it clearer that we have no stronger, more steady and steadfast ally than Israel. We can always depend on Israel in moments of crisis and need."

The Camp David accords represent a reversal of U.S. policy which previously was the seeking of a "comprehensive settlement — the all or nothing concept — which was an illusion, one which some of our Arabist 'experts' are still obsessed with," Church asserted.

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A message from the management of
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Taking over a restaurant as popular as YLG is not an easy task.

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Reporter's Notebook

Israel's parade of life

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TEL AVIV, Israel —

Security in Israeli cities is tight these days — tighter than it has ever been.

Guards man theatres and stores, checking handbags and suspicious objects. On the beaches, reservists in sloppy olive uniforms watch the Mediterranean for strange or hostile boats and vessels. On buses, printed notices remind passengers to be alert for uncared packages.

In recent years, there has been a dramatic upsurge of terrorist incidents, particularly in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, which have claimed many lives.

The Palestinians realize they won't topple Israel by leaving bombs in buses and in crowded markets, but it seems they have no intention of letting up. By the same token, the authorities here are showing extraordinary vigilance.

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Petty burglary in the big cities has reached epidemic proportions. Is it a sign of the times? Does it mean that inflation is forcing poor Israelis into a life of crime?

In any event, the thieves are becoming sophisticated. The latest technique they employ is gas. At night, they put their sleeping victims into a temporary coma by smothering them with ether. And the villains are getting more violent. An elderly Jaffa woman reports that a young thug, no more than 16, broke her furniture and tore the wallpaper off the walls when he was unable to find anything of value in her flat.

A growing number of householders are installing prison-like bars on their windows, and buying second door locks, to keep out the marauding thieves.

Understaffed and underpaid, Israeli police cannot cope with the crime wave. Meir Dizengoff, the first mayor of Tel Aviv, was not much bothered by crime, maintaining that it underlined the normalcy of a new, emerging Jewish society in Palestine. What would Dizengoff think of crime, Israeli style 1980? He might eat his words, if he could, or roll over in his grave, if he could.

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Tel Aviv has an opera house, a yellow undistinguished building near the water front. Back in the spring of 1948, David Ben-Gurion read Israel's declaration of independence from there. The neighborhood, since then, has fallen on bad times, being one of the city's prime redlight districts.

The prostitutes, in mini dresses and loud clothes, hail passersby with eye winks, waves and fancy body English (Hebrew). They work in a number of peeling hotels in the vicinity of the opera house. And what of opera in Tel Aviv? Critics complain about its poor quality. Most opera lovers buy records and listen to them at home, far away from the hustle that now pervades the neighborhood.

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Tax evasion is a popular past time in Israel.

One official has estimated that Israel could eradicate its severe balance of payments problems if every taxpayer declared his real earnings. If that were to happen, Israel would not be so economically dependent on American largesse.

The government has announced that it is cracking down on evaders, and tax inspectors have fanned out all over the country in search of delinquent citizens.

The scare tactic has had some effect. More and more merchants are keeping books, and evaders caught by the law face extremely stiff fines.

Item: a beggar who frequents the shabby Tel Aviv Central Bus Station was found guilty recently of withholding from the tax authorities hundreds of thousands of pounds.

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Israelis have discovered color TV. In their thousands they are snapping up color sets, paying exhorbitant sums of money to acquire this symbol of success. The Goldbergs, it would seem, are following the Goldbergs in the quest for material aggrandizement.

But there's only one problem. Israeli TV broadcasts are black and white. The powers-that-be are considering color TV, but implementation is at least several years away.

Fans who cannot live without color can tune in to Jordanian TV, which offers the usual smattering of inane American programming. Those who prefer Israeli programs can buy a special converter which transforms a black and white TV picture into a color one.

Israelis explain their mania for color sets this way: buy now, because tomorrow the prices will skyrocket. Inflation hysteria grips everyone but the wealthy.

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Jaffa may as well be Sofia, Bulgaria.

More Bulgarian Jews live in Jaffa than in any other town, city or suburb in Israel. They're friendly, warm people with a good reputation for honesty and forthrightness. When a Bulgarian dies, a black-bordered notice in the mother tongue is affixed to walls, windows and telephone polls to announce the bereavement.

Older Bulgarians still speak to each other in Bulgarian, much like Polish Jews use Yiddish.

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Haifa, the gateway to the Galilee, is expanding all over Mount Carmel. A visitor who returns to the city after an absence of four years is surprised by the extent of the spread. If the expansion continues unabated for the next decade, there will be few green spaces left on Mount Carmel.

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One of the most interesting sights in Israel is in Eilat. Stand on a hill, especially at night, and you see Aqaba, Eilat's counterpart in Jordan, from end to end.

The two cities have lived in peaceful co-existence for the last 32 years. Only once was the peace disturbed. That happened in the late 1960s, when Palestinians lobbed some shells into Eilat's city centre during the Passover holiday. Israeli jets swept across the gulf and bombed some targets near Aqaba, and Jordanian officials told the Israelis, through channels, that they would tighten security.

They were true to their word.

Since then, tranquility has prevailed in Eilat-Aqaba.

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The Good Fence, in Metulla, is a tourist attraction. Bonds and UJA missions always go there, as do unaffiliated travellers. But today the Good Fence reeks of cheap commercialism, with vendors selling all manner of kitsch worthy of Coney Island, Belmont Park or the CNE Exhibition.

In their clamor to be photographed, and to buy post cards, pendants and ballpoint pens, tourists forget the raison d'etre of the Good Fence.

The Good Fence is a security sector, a bridge linking Arabs and Jews and Christians, not an amusement centre.

Dulzin charge

JERUSALEM, [JTA] —

Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, charged that the leaders of the New York Jewish community were the main obstacle to Premier Menachem Begin's "compromise proposal" on "drop-outs" — Soviet Jews who choose to go to the United States rather than Israel after they leave the Soviet Union. Dulzin claimed that other American Jewish communities were prepared to go along with Begin's ideas.

If New York would respond favorably, the Joint Distribution Committee and HIAS, the two agencies assisting the emigrants, would also agree, Dulzin told the WZO executive. Begin proposed that assistance should be limited to those Soviet Jewish immigrants who have close relatives in the United States so that the rest would either have to go to Israel or fend themselves. Dulzin said the WZO must be prepared to fight for the Begin plan.

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Letters to the Editor

'Shul' lures Jews into 'cult'

I protest the callousness of The CJN staff in allowing the publication of an ad by an insidious missionary gang of "Jews" for Jeshu and "Hebrew" Christian cults who go by the name of **"Congregation Melech Israel"**

"Congregation Melech Israel" is a local missionary group preying especially on youth. They are listed in the telephone book without an address and are led by a Dutch Gentile minister by the name of Hans Vandervouf, who lives and works on Overbrook Place, in the Bathurst Manor. He calls himself "rabbi" and leads his followers in weekly "Shabbat" services on Friday nights, as well as on Sundays, at the Muir Park Hotel, 2900 Yonge St. — using talit, tefillen and Torah scroll.

The "implications" of the friendly Chanukah greeting with the post office box address in the ad are self-evident.

Rabbi J. Emmanuel Schochet
Toronto

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I read with interest the article in the Dec. 6 edition regarding Jewish handicapped and retarded children living in non-Jewish homes. Your reporter quotes from a recent Toronto Jewish Congress report that there are currently 103 Jewish children and young adults living in non-Jewish foster homes or placements in Ontario, some having been placed by the Jewish Family & Child Service.

I recall that last November the TJC set up a special committee to study this problem. At that time the chairman of the committee assured the readers of The CJN that the "situation is not as bleak as feared." However, these statistics don't seem to bear him out.

In any event it was announced that the committee would issue its findings and recommendations as soon as possible. I find it quite strange that only part of this report has become public to date, and then only at a B'nai B'rith lodge meeting rather than as a direct message to the whole community. I would also like to know if the Congress will be publishing its recommendations on how to bring these 103 children and young adults back into the Jewish community.

Julius Rosenblat,
Toronto.

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I would like to take exception to the story that appeared in the Dec. 6 issue of your publication written by Vivian Sharon entitled 'More Group Homes are Needed for Handicapped Retarded Children.'

As one who has been involved with programs for people who are mentally handicapped, I whole heartedly agree with the title of this article. However, many of the statements in the rest of the article do a great disservice to many dedicated men and women in the Toronto Jewish community who have already provided many programs for this clientele.

The Reena Foundation has been in existence for five years, and has established three group homes. We have brought residents in from Huronia Regional Centre, and have maintained close relationships with the officials there.

Our first resident of the Luverne house left Huronia four years ago, and is now an independent person living in his own apartment keeping a kosher house, keeping the Sabbath, and going to synagogue on a regular basis.

To quote the article 'Many can be relocated into group homes where they can interact more personally and lead a more normal Jewish life'...is precisely what Reena has been doing for five years, and has served as a model for the non-Jewish community by establishing group homes not only in Metro Toronto but in other Jewish communities in Canada as well.

No one is suggesting that Reena has a monopoly in working with mentally handicapped people. However, this article certainly does not give the true picture of what has happened in the Jewish community of Toronto. The statement attributed to Rabbi Schonberger saying that very little is being done for Jewish retarded people is incorrect and a distortion of the truth and the facts. Rabbi Schonberger was asked to go to Huronia Regional Centre because people like Rabbi Joseph Kelman, the Kadima School staff and Jewish Congress had indeed displayed great concern about what was happening in Huronia. In the past dozen years or more there has been many programs taking place there. The facts are that several B'nai B'rith groups have provided funds enabling members of the Kadima school and volunteers to have religious services on a regular basis, serve refreshments and establish contact with the forgotten residents in that institution.

A program of visiting the Kadima school at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue was established twelve years ago, long before Rabbi Schonberger came on the scene a year ago.

The article rightly points out that 'many handicapped retarded people do not need to be institutionalized. Many can be located in group homes.' I fail to see how such an article would not make mention of the fact that the Reena Foundation has been doing exactly that for the past five years.

The Canadian Jewish News as a communal newspaper should be very careful before allowing a reporter to issue general statements. The Reena Foundation, Kadima School and Kadima Centre have been and are providing very meaningful services for that segment of society called 'mentally retarded' and shall continue to do so. They are always open to families and individuals who would benefit from the programs that they run.

Sam Handler,
President.

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I am at a lost to find any startling revelations in the two-year 73-page study of Roberta Lander Markus, pertaining to Russian immigrant children adjusting to Canadian schools. The problems "discovered" are obvious and identical to other large scale immigration. The same is true on a smaller scale for any child who suddenly finds himself in a classroom of a foreign country.

Unfortunately Jewish schools pose additional problems such as transportation, dual curriculum, financing and in this instance the immigrants generally lack an appreciation for Jewish studies.

The Lubavitch Organization (other involved agencies as well) understands quite well the needs of the Russian immigrants.

Our concern is to solve the problems, not record them.

Rabbi Z. Aaron Grossbaum
Executive Vice-President,
Lubovitch Youth Organization

Gerald Caplan was Stephen Lewis' senior advisor in several Ontario elections.

Gerald Caplan...

A thinker -- and a doer

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Gerald Caplan is a thinker and a doer, a rare combination in any age.

Words without action are not enough for Caplan. The two must mesh in a beautiful, workable symbiotic relationship.

At 41, he is an accomplished theorist and activist, a political animal whose keen instincts were honed in Canada, Europe and Africa.

A socialist, Caplan has been in the thick of things for well over a decade. He was arrested in Rhodesia, stirring an international incident. He managed three Stephen Lewis electoral campaigns. He helped found the radical Waffle wing of the NDP, then was instrumental in destroying it. He established leper colonies in Nigeria as director of the Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO) program. He taught Third World history at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE).

And now, as coordinator of a Toronto health department unit, he pushes for better health care in the city.

"This job struck me as a new challenge," he says, referring to his current post. "It's another chapter in my life. And my life has consisted of a series of chapters, of a search to get involved in an activity that has some public good attached to it."

At first glance, it seems incongruous that Caplan is in the business of public health. But the job actually fits him snugly. It requires political and organizational skills, and health is a social item that concerned him in both the NDP and CUSO.

Caplan, whose career at OISE lasted for 10 years, branched off into health care because he had grown weary of academia and was looking for something fresh that could regenerate him.

Born in Toronto, he is the son of Harold and Molly Cap. Caplan's brother, Arthur, is a businessman. Caplan completed a B.A. and M.A. in Canadian history at the University of Toronto. He recalls those days fondly. "It was my first involvement with politics and my initial contact with real intellectual ferment," he says.

After doing a doctorate on Zambian history at London's School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Caplan began to teach at the University of Rhodesia in Salisbury. He was there when the white settlers declared UDI — the unilateral declaration of independence. Opposed to minority rule and racism, Caplan and his colleagues led strikes, rallies and boycotts and refused to conduct their classes.

Arrested by the authorities, he spent one week in jail, triggering an international incident when Ottawa intervened on his behalf. Caplan was deported, but his conscience was clear. "Those were wonderful days. You felt the issues were defined. There was no room for compromise, and your ethical principles were served well by your actions. It was a serious struggle for justice. Unhappily, we didn't have much effect. But that's a different question."

Returning to Toronto, following an academic sojourn in Britain and Switzerland, Caplan found Canada dull by comparison and the NDP unchanged. Motivated by the U.S. civil rights movement and inspired by the debate over American involvement in southeast Asia, Caplan and a group of friends formed Waffle. "We wanted to inject some life into the NDP and make it more pertinent."

In 1969, after he had begun his university career, Stephen Lewis phoned him one night and invited him to his house for a political chat. That was the beginning of Caplan's venture into Ontario politics. Not only did he manage the NDP's election campaigns; he was Lewis' senior advisor, his eminence gris.

The 1971 campaign, his baptismal of fire, was a disaster. Influenced by Waffle, the NDP adopted a policy of economic nationalism unacceptable to the electorate. Lewis came across as a doctrinaire socialist and as an ogre.

"Waffle helped the NDP commit suicide at the polling booth," he observes. Waffle, he adds, was no longer just a reform faction, but a separatist element tarnishing and distorting the NDP's image. "The fight against Waffle was bloody, devisive and hateful."

Caplan describes himself as a moderate Socialist — a pragmatist. "It's not someone who's selling out his party," he explains. "It's someone who has a goal and moves flexibly to reach it."

With Waffle in tatters, the NDP did well in the 1975 election, forming the Opposition. "Lewis was seen as a guy who told the truth. His warm, haimish qualities emerged. He wasn't seen as someone who knew the answer to every question. He was someone you could talk to."

Political insiders credited the NDP's standing partly to Caplan's work. Asked to state the secret of his success, he smiled: "I'm brilliant. What else can I tell you?"

Caplan was not so successful in his last campaign in 1977, when the NDP finished a close third, behind the Conservatives and the Liberals. "If we had won I could have been Lewis' Hamilton Jordan," says Caplan playfully, referring to Jimmy Carter's key White House aide.

Today, as a public servant, Caplan "stands quietly" outside the political process, as an NDP supporter. But that doesn't mean he has no opinions.

If the NDP had won, Caplan believes, the province's limited financial resources would have been distributed in a more equitable fashion. As he puts it: "Fewer people would have been getting screwed. And the prospect of a decent life, with fewer anxieties and less pain, would have been possible for more Ontarians."

Lewis' chief contributions were three-fold, he thinks. He made government aware of child care, spending and industrial safety. It is Caplan's contention that Lewis also persuaded Ontarians to accept a "common sense" brand of socialism, at least in the 1975 and 1977 elections.

Caplan warns that Lewis, presently a radio commentator, could be forgotten if he "stays private" and lowers his profile. Asked if Lewis would run again, he smiled: "No comment."

In retrospect, Caplan believes that the political process is plagued by two basic limitations. Day-to-day affairs leave little time for long-range planning. "You spend your goddamned life in meetings." And politicians need to absorb so much information that it is virtually impossible for them to master all the nuances of basic issues.

If anything about socialism disappoints Caplan, it it is the movement's stance on the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Far too many socialists, he says, attack Israel and Zionism one-sidedly, and spend a disproportionate amount of their time and energy on the Middle East conflict. "There are many more items on the socialist agenda than the Arab-Israeli dispute," he says.

His own views on the subject have changed. A friend says he used to be harsh on Israel. Caplan notes: "I believe in the right of Israel to exist, though I reject unthinking support of everything Israel does."

Caplan fears the violence in the Middle East will go on unabated for many years. Similarly, he is pessimistic about Africa. "The problems of Africa are depressingly vast. I fear much bloodshed before a decent society emerges," he says.

Despite his gloomy views, Caplan, twice-divorced, is working for a better world. To give up is to resign oneself to tragedy and injustice. And Gerald Caplan has no intention of doing that.

UJA chairman: Break poverty cycle

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

At 38, 1980 Hamilton UJA campaign chairman Stanley Paikin, falls into the category of young leadership so well commended by Jewish Federation executive director Samuel Soifer at the recent annual general meeting.

A member of the UJWF of Hamilton for the past seven or eight years, Paikin is a product of the young leadership program of several years ago and he credits Abby Goldblatt, chairman of the 1975 and 1976 campaigns, not only with having a great influence on him personally but being "probably responsible for getting a number of young men interested and involved."

No final figure has yet been set for the 1980 campaign but he would like to see a 10 to 15 per cent increase over last year.

Paikin offers no glib promises nor does he make any solemn pronouncements. Instead, he gives the impression of an earnest young man intent on seeking the answers to the many dilemmas confronting the Jews of the Diaspora today.

It is not going to be easy and to help him in the task ahead he has begun to read everything he can lay his hands on "very carefully and thoroughly" in an effort to become better informed.

"Our relationship with the rest of the world has never been as bad as it is today," he says, "even if we may be on the brink of lasting peace. I don't know where the proper answers can come from but education," he stresses, "is critical."

Disturbed by what he saw in Israel on a Project Renewal mission last April, he says that "this cycle must be broken. Unless we can reverse this thing," there will be further deterioration which will weaken the moral fibre of the country and for Project Renewal, too, he emphasizes education is critical.

Education, in fact, is the critical factor in any successful campaign, he insists, and, a great believer in audio-visual aids, he hopes to run a series of parlor meetings with slides of the Project Renewal areas.

"The key is to get the job done quickly. Go out, tell your story — and the campaign can be done in two months if everyone pulls together." In practice, however, as he knows full well, it's a different story.

Vice-president in charge of sales with Contractors Machinery and Equipment, a Burlington-based company dealing in constrtuction equipment, Paikin operates at a fast and furious pace, travelling all over the continent and rarely at his desk more than a day or two at a time. He knows his campaign will have to be super-organized and last year, as vice-president, he prepared himself by sticking "close to Stan (1979 chairman Stan Tick) as much as possible."

A native of Hamilton, Paikin graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1963 with a degree in economics and psychology, ready and impatient to get out into "the real world of business." He met his Winnipeg-born wife Barbara, an active member of Hadassah and the Women's division of U.I.A. for many years, in Florida, and the couple have an 11-year-old daughter, Alisa, and an eight-year old son, Anthony.

Paikin makes a point of spending what little spare time he has with his family but other than that, he laughs, he has no hobbies. Only some tennis and about a mile and a half of jogging every morning.

Packed book fair

TORONTO —

Jewish Book Fair is a bestseller this year as "standing room only" crowds have packed the Leah Posluns Theatre, of the JCC during the first three days of the fair, organizers say. Free daytime programming has been very successful too.

Max Dimont, Elie Wiesel and popular Israeli singing team, Duo Reim, appearing at Book Fair, Dec. 8, 9 and 10, respectively, marked the opening of the third Jewish Book Fair. Well attended free morning programs featuring, among other speakers, broadcaster Warner Troyer, cooking consultant Temi Rosenthal and psychiatrist Gerald Schneiderman, have shown this additional programming to be welcomed by the community and will be a permanent feature of subsequent fairs.

However, Uri Fink, the 16-year-old schoolboy who draws Israel's first comic book, **Sabraman,** is undoubtedly the hit of the fair. He has made numerous TV appearances on behalf of the fair (CBC's **The Bob McLean Show** MCTV's **Chai** and CITY's **Citypulse News**) and was heard on a number of radio programs (CHUM, CFTR, CBC's **Anybody Home?** and **Metro Morning**). In addition, the three daily Metro newspapers have publicized book fair and in all articles have indicated that the book fair has become a well-accepted community endeavor.

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Bundist Vladimir Medem — from Judaism to Russian Orthodoxy and back again. He was a leading Bundist.

Socialist movements in Russia, U.S., Palestine: the inspirational and tragic story of man's faith

book review

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

While Messiah Tarried: Jewish Socialist Movements, 1871-1917
By Nora Levin
Schocken Books, N.Y.
$10.95 paperback

The title of Nora Levin's massive, fascinating book about Jewish Socialist movements in Russia, Palestine and the United States is appropriate. Hounded by anti-Semitism, cowed by abhorrent working conditions and besieged by despair, secular-minded workers opted for militancy rather than pious hope.

If Jewish workers were to improve their lot, they would have to organize themselves into effective unions and support sympathetic political parties. If they depended on the Messiah for relief, they would have to wait a long time.

Ms. Levin, an American historian, addresses herself to the three most important Jewish Socialist movements of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is by turns an inspirational and tragic story and Ms. Levin does justice to it.

In Russia, the growth of Socialism seemed inevitable. Taunted and persecuted by an anti-Semitic government and exploited by factory owners, Jews not wed to the strictures of Orthodoxy turned to radicalism and emerging labor unions.

A number of radicals joined a movement called Land and Liberty, whose leaders' appeal was to the peasantry. These Narodniks, as they were known, tried to alleviate the plight of the peasants, but without much success. And the Jews who joined their ranks soon discovered that the Narodniks themselves were anti-Semitic.

As for the peasants, they, too, were suspicious of Jews. A few Jews, desperate for acceptance, converted to Christianity. But the majority left the movement, particularly after Narodnik leaders justified the great pogroms of 1881.

Jews founded their own organizations, though Jewish youth continued to swell the membership of native Russian groups. Two of the most prominent among them were Nicholas Utin, a converted Jew who was one of the first Russian Marxists, and Mark Natanson.

Vilna, one of the centres of modern Jewish scholarship, was the site of the earliest recorded strike by Jewish workers (1871), and a city from which the Bund recruited quite a few of its members. Among its outstanding recruits were Arkady Kremer and Vladimir Medem, a Jew who returned to Judaism from Russian Orthodoxy.

Medem attacked Zionism, including Labor Zionism, as an illusion and a fantasy. But the Second International, in turn, criticized the Bund in numerous debates on the National Question. The Bund suffered a dismal fate in Russia, the Communists rejecting their application to be an autonomous satellite within the Socialist constellation. After 1920, the Bund shifted its activities to Poland.

As Levin points out, Jewish Socialists caused strains in the organized Jewish community, challenging religious and social beliefs and institutions. And the spectre of class war deepened the already existing divisions when Jewish employers called in police to put down strikes, or convinced rabbis to disavow unionism.

In the United States, Jewish Socialists faced somewhat similar problems. Anti-Semitism was not as endemic as it was in Russia, but exploitation was just as grating. Russian Jews arriving in America found nothing in common with patrician German Jews, so they formed their own schools, unions, landsmanshaftn, newspapers and synagogues.

These intellectuals-cum-workers played a vital role in "raising immigrant workers out of their physical and spiritual wretchedness and giving them a new awareness of their capacity for individual and group change," Levin says.

Highlighted in the book are such noted personalities of the day as Abraham Cahan, Morris Hillquit, Joseph Barondess, Daniel De Leon, Morris Rosenfeld and Morris Winchevsky.

Levin writes about the Jewish press, labor poets, the role of trade unions and the Socialist-anarchist struggle for power, among other topics.

Her section on Socialism in Palestine is just as stimulating.

She concentrates on several seminal figures in Labor Zionism: Nachman Syrkin, Ber Borochov, Aharon David Gordon and Arthur Ruppin. Borochov, the originator of proletarian Zionism, was probably the most interesting of the lot, though the others certainly bear scrutiny.

Borochov's chief work, **The National Question and the Class Struggle,** was an attempt to fuse Zionism and Marxism. "By giving Zionism the force of Marxist determination and developing a class analysis that made a return to Zion a historic necessity, Borochov was able to rebut the charges of utopianism and desertion of the Galut flung against Socialist Zionists in the Galut," she observes.

Levin is wise to stop her narrative in 1917, when the Russian Revolution sweeps away the ancien regime. With the rise of the Bolsehviks, an entirely new chapter in Jewish Socialism begins. It will be a time of euphoria and, finally, disillusionment. A book about that turbulent period would be in order.

Russian concert artist arrives . . .

Toronto is singer's new home

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Yacov Pokempener, one of the most famous and accomplished Russian-Jewish concert singers, now lives here in Toronto.

Born in Riga before World War II, Pokempener has greatly benefited from the traditional Jewish education he received in childhood and young manhood. Initially singing in the Riga synagogue choir under the famous Cantor Abramis, Yacov Pokempener first studied privately under Raya Ratner (who also taught Misha Alexandrovich) and then under Herman Yadlovker, the notable vocal instructor who is now in Israel.

His first major concert, in Riga's main auditorium just prior to World War II, was an especially great achievement considering his being Jewish in that time and place. Immediately following the German Invasion of Poland, Yacov Pokempener, being in the Russian zone, joined the Russian army and became a singer-entertainer for the troops. Eventually, he made his way to the Moscow suburb of Ivanov, where the Russian government freed him from the army and he was able to devote his entire life to singing. For the remainder of the war, he sang and taught at the conservatory in Ivanov.

Following the war, Pokempener returned to Riga, and became the main soloist with the Latvia Philharmonia Orchestra. In this capacity, the Soviet government sent him all throughout the USSR. He sang lead roles in many cantatas with all the top symphonies, including those of Moscow and Leningrad. He was the main representative of Latvia to the Soviet cultural festival of 1956.

But at the same time, despite his success, Pokempener felt much subtle anti-Semitism within the Latvia Philharmonia. And, coming from a traditional Jewish background, he had long felt a need to live in an environment where he could live Jewishly without fear. And so, as soon as any Jewish emigration from Russia to Israel began, which was in 1966, he applied.

Immediately, Pokempener was expelled from the Latvia Philharmonia and was denied employment in any other Soviet musical organizations. For five years, he and his family were without means (except for his wife's employment). Finally, in 1971, the Pokempeners were allowed to emigrate from Russia to Israel.

In Israel, his musical career blossomed. He belonged to the Israel Opera and he gave many solo concerts, as well as being a frequent soloist on Israel's main radio station. He also gave a special concert presentation featuring the major contemporary Yiddish poets (such as Chaim Grade and Sutzkever). Among the major Yiddish songstresses with whom he performed were Nechama Lifshitz and Chayele Grobber.

But as he had a daughter and children here in Toronto, and wanted very much to be with them, Pokempener decided to permanently settle here. And so, Yakov Pokempener hopes to fruitfully continue his musical career here. His presence will greatly enrich Toronto's serious music scene.

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From flora to the arts to the shtetl

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

All the Plants of the Bible
By Winifred Walker
Doubleday of Canada
$18.95

This splendid volume contains 113 full-page watercolor illustration of every flower, fruit, tree, shrub and herb mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures, New Testament and Apocrypha.

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Winifred Walker was an internationally known award winning botanical artist until her recent death. This work of beauty and scholarship is a fitting tribute to her memory.

The Jewish World,
Edited by Elie Kedourie
Oxford University Press
$49.50

What is noteworthy and memorable about this giant volume are the 436 illustrations, including 135 in full color. For the most part they are fresh, pertinent and unhackneyed — no mean feat, given the spate of similar books in recent years.

This lovingly produced book, subtitled "History and Culture of the Jewish People," belies the popular notion that the Jewish tradition of visual arts through the centuries has been thin or meagre. On the contrary, synagogues, manuscripts, ceremonial objects, etc., furnish a rich trove of superbly crafted material.

The 19 essays that make up this compendium are by eminent American, European and Israeli scholars. They survey Jewish life from its earliest beginnings to the 20th century. As is customary in an anthology of this kind the essays differ widely in style, readability and importance. But all are well-written, succinct and replete with insights and information.

This lavish and expensive book is an attempt-largely successful - to depict both the inner and outer historical forces that made possible "The Jewish Experience."

The Shtetl — A creative Anthology of Jewish Life in Eastern Europe
Edited by
Joachim Neugroschel
Academic Press
$32.50

This elegantly printed and colourfully boxed volume contains three short novels and a variety of stories and vignettes that range from the 18th century to relatively recent times. All the material depicts the shtetl, the small town or village of Eastern Europe, in its manifold diversity. Despite their common features no two shtetls were truly alike. Covering an enormous geographical area and centuries of Jewish history the shtetl encompassed inter-relationships with non-Jews, a variety of economic conditions, disparate religious and social configurations and even sharp regional differences in the use of Yiddish and Hebrew.

Translated and edited by Joachim Neugroschel — who has translated more than eighty books in various languages — this mammoth depiction of a bygone era traces a literary development from naive Hassidic tales to subtle and sophisticated stories of psychological probing, fantasy, sordid realism and satire.

Most of the material is unfamiliar and includes portraits of shtetl types as well as the problems of the Enlightment period, anti-Semitism, the plight of women and the destruction of the shtetl by two world wars and the Holocaust.

The book would have benefited from biographical sketches of the authors included, and ampler introductions to the four main sections of the work.

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Third influx of Peru Jews are from Holocaust

By ELSA ROSENBERG

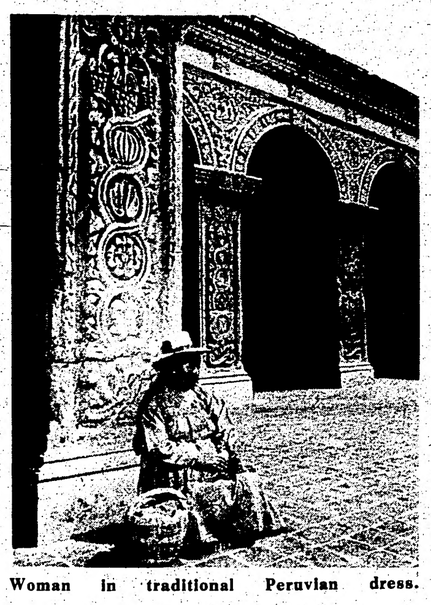
Peru, with an area of 482,257 square miles and a population half that of Canada, has about 1,200 Jewish families, roughly 5,000 Jews.

Jews first came to Peru with the Spaniards, but when the Inquisition reached Peru, the intense Christianizing efforts wiped out the Jewish community.

In the mid-19th century, a Jewish community again took root, this time from North Africa.

Isolated, having no contact with mainstream Judaism, the community was this time eroded by intermarriages. The present and third influx of Jews are of East European stock and came to Peru as a result of the Holocaust.

Dr. Stefan Zisman, the honorary Peruvian consulate in Toronto, is both a Jew (born in Russia) and a Peruvian.



Woman in traditional Peruvian dress.

(Canadian Pacific photos)

Two Peruvian belles view the spectacular city of Machu Picchu.

Zisman met his wife Aisa in Israel. When Aisa was 14 years old, a Zionist came to her home town in Romania to speak about aliyah. He found in Aisa a true believer, within months she was in Israel in the Ben Shamon Youth Village.

The Karolic family was prominent in intellectual circles and well-to-do, and Aisa swept into the kibbutz like someone out of a Joan Crawford movie.

"At first everyone just sat dumbfounded and stared at my assortment of suitcases and trunks. Then when I started to unpack delicately hand-embroidered silk blouses, and white silk shorts, everyone started to laugh.

"I was so spoiled once when I was told to help clean up the barn, I worked at it for a short while, then walked away. When I was asked to explain my actions, I explained — I got tired and besides, it wasn't my kind of work.

"They had a daily news sheet about kibbutz activities and most of it was devoted to my outrageous behavior. Once when I was asked if I could light the kerosene unit that heated the water tank, I said 'yes' being unable to admit that there was something I didn't know. Naturally, there was an explosion and I walked around for ages with singed eyebrows."

Aisa must have been made of solid material, she emerged from the war years with four medals — the kibbutz can't receive the credit for changing a person so completely.

Zisman, with a doctorate in economics from the University of Geneva, came to Israel in 1948 to visit his brother. His brother had made aliyah, on the same boat as Aisa, but they had never met. Zisman arrived the day before the state was declared. The next day five Arab armies invaded the new state, with the open intent of destroying it. It was no time to go home, the visit, originally for several weeks extended for years.

A mutual friend introduced Aisa and Stefan and within months of meeting they were married. Eventually an S.O.S. came from the family business in Peru — come home or there will be nothing to come home to. The Zismans moved to Peru.

Zisman's role at the Peruvian Consulate is to renew passports, legalize documents, record the births and deaths of local Peruvians and encourage tourism and trade.

He feels that in this world which has developed a hamburger mentality, and in which the American style hotel has taken over various landscapes to the great loss of local color, that Peru is one of the few countries that retains its foreign flavor.

While Machu Picchu is still a great favorite with the tourist, the less well-known site of Chavin de Huantar, lying on the flanks of the Cordillera Blanca, is far more impressive. These ruins are closer than the Inca.

The oldest university (1551) and the oldest private household (La Casa de Aliaga) in continuous occupation in the Western Hemisphere are in Lima, Peru. Lima also had the continent's first printing press and its first theatrical company. The flavor of Spain lingers in Lima and in Izcuchaca.

The lovely colonial carved balconies are a tourist attraction. The pink rococo palace Quinto de Presta is now a museum that should be seen. The National Museum of Anthropology and Archeology is worth a visit. They have a display of magnificent mantles, excellently preserved. The ancient Peruvian weavers are among the finest in the world. Their textile masterpieces of exquisite color and design rival the best on earth. A two thousand year old grave yielded a mantle that one would swear was designed by Picasso. Peru is an archeologist's paradise. You can dig at random in the sands at Ancon and within minutes come up with funerary textiles.

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The Inca remains in Peru near Cuzco, still stand in awesome splendor. Like New York City or Jerusalem, they are man-made marvels. Like Massada, in Israel, their powerful history reach out and overwhelm you. You stand there proud of the marvelous things that some men have accomplished, and at the same time ashamed of the terrifying history that mankind carries in its memory.

Rehovot's beautiful but neglected 'White House'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

REHOVOT, Israel —

Israel's "White House", a marvel of architecture, is probably one of the most neglected tourist attractions in this country.

The first president of Israel, Chaim Weizmann, lived in this magnificent house on a hill from 1937 until his death in 1952. It was his official residence even after he was named ceremonial head of state in 1949.

The house that German architect Eric Mendelsohn designed was built next to the Daniel Sieff Research Institute, which later became known as the Weizmann Institute of Science, one of the world's foremost scientific institutions.

Set amid the splendor of flower beds, towering hedges and seemingly limitless orange groves, the house is the epitome of style and simplicity, a geometric composition characterized by a stunning staircase and narrow, full-length windows.

Restored in 1976 with funds provided by Vivien Clore Duffield, daughter of British philanthropist Sir Charles Clore, the house has attracted a number of visitors since its inaugural as a toursit site. But officials here feel that it has not really drawn its fair share of the tourist trade.

Weizmann, a native of Motol, Russia, was one of the most illustrious personalities of his day. A renowned chemist who adopted Britain as his second homeland, Weizmann was also an ardent Zionist and for many years he was president of the World Zionist Organization.

He and his wife, Vera, decided in the mid 1930s to establish a household in Palestine. In consultation with Mendelsohn, they chose a site that was then in the heart of the country's agriculture district, and afforded a panoramic view of the coastal plain and the Judean hills.

Today, as you look down from the roof top, you no longer see the hazy light of the Mediterranean Sea. But you do see the wooded vista of Judea and the peaceful orange groves that are part of Israel's citrus belt.

Outside the house, on a wooden pedestal, stands a toy-like black Lincoln Continental that Henry Ford II gave to Weizmann in 1950. He didn't use it much, so it shows little sign of wear and tear.

Chaim and Vera Weizmann spent much of their time in what was to become Israel's presidential mansion, and the tasteful furniture they decorated it with is still there, some of it roped off.

The reception room, with its silk Persian carpet, delicate Chinese porcelain horse and paintings by Degas and Utrillo, is a model of stately informality. The dining room is graced by a beautiful oak table and stuffed brown chairs, as well as by an austere sculpture made by Jacob Epstein, the noted British artist.

Weizmann's library reflects the measure of the man. The books on the shelves range from Judaica and general history to applied science and organic chemistry.

And the pictures on the wall trace his career. There are autographed framed photos of the great politicians who knew him: Arthur Balfour, Lloyd George, Jan Smuts, Winston Churchill and Harry Truman. For good measure, there is also a photograph of Albert Einstein.

On the northern wall, a painting of Weizmann captures his formidable intellect and his brooding eyes. On one of his desks is a snapshot of a son who was killed during the Second World War.

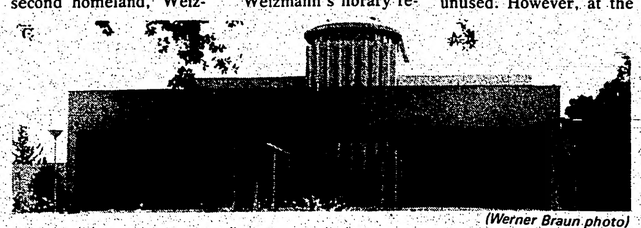
Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the house is its spiral stairway, which only an architect of unusual talent could have conceived. It leads to the second-floor bedrooms and guest-rooms. On the night table of Weizmann's own bedroom is a prayer book, opened to the Yom Kippur prayer read to him on the day he died, Nov. 9.

Outside, on a gentle slope looking eastwards toward Jerusalem, Weizman is buried. He bequeathed the house to his widow, who died in 1965. She willed the entire estate, including the house, grounds and 10 acres of orange groves, to Yad Weizmann and the Weizmann Memorial Foundation.

For almost 11 years, the house was practically unused. However, at the urging of Meyer Weisgal, the late chancellor of the Weizmann Institute, the Israeli government appointed a ministerial committee to decide the fate of the house.

By 1974, Weisgal had worked out a plan at making the house a living memorial to Weizmann, and when Vivien Clore Duffield came along his dream materialized. On April 29, 1976, the restored house was inaugurated in a ceremony attended by Golda Meir and Ephraim Katzir, then Israel's prime minister and president, respectively.

Rehovot is only some 20 kilometres from the centre of Tel Aviv, and the house can be reached easily by private or public transportation.



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Chaim Weizmann's "White House", a marvel of architecture built in the 1930s.

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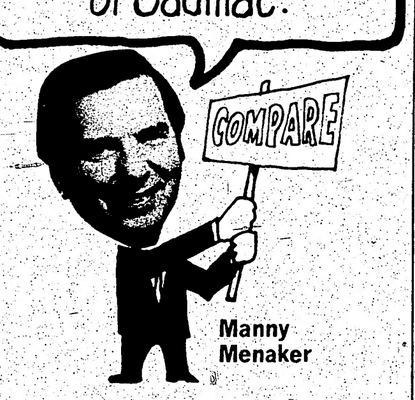

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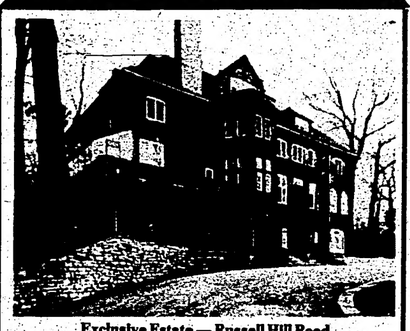

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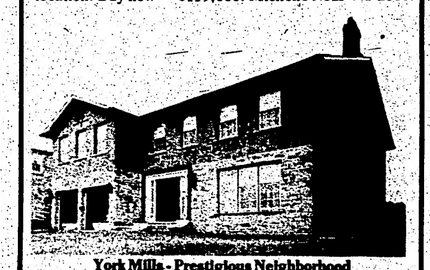

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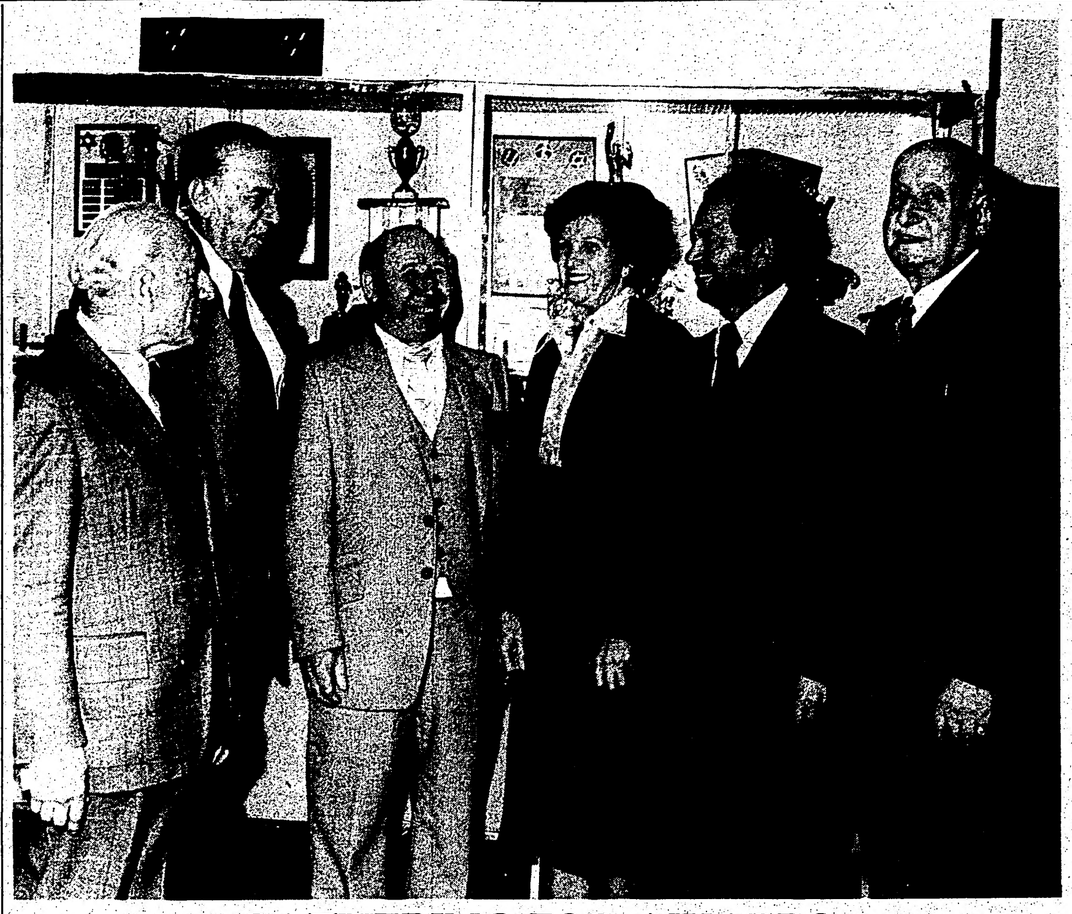

GATHERING FOR AWARDS

Col. Jacob Monbaz [second from left] addressed a recent meeting of the Farband of Lithuanian Jews. From left: Reuben Madesker, E. Abramovitch, Mrs. P. Siegel, Harry Kaplan and Sam Rappaport. The group was together for the opening of a UJA meeting.

Germany's Angel of Death world's most wanted Nazi

TV
By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Angel of Death, they called him.

Dr. Josef Mengele was an educated, gentle, even humorous, man. But he was a heartless killer, a war criminal who conducted inhuman experiments on Jewish children in Polish concentration camps.

His Nazi friends always considered him a brilliant philospher and a great raconteur. But his victims knew the real, malignant side of him. Thirty-four years after he disappeared from public view, Dr. Mengele is still sought by the Allies and the Russians. He has been seen in West Germany, Argentina, Paraguay and Chile. But he remains at large, eluding capture thanks to a network of South American Nazis.

"The Hunt for Dr. Mengele," broadcast by **The World In Conflict** recently, highlighted the person who is said to be the world's most wanted war criminal.

Interviewed on the program were Dr. Mengele's former comrades, the one-time chief of the Mossad, Isser Harel, who tracked him in Buenos Aires, a Jewish woman who worked for him in a camp, and a German judge who is familiar with his dossier.

Dr. Mengele, handsome and blue-eyed, believed in the nonsensical master race theories of the Nazis. In his death camp clinics, he had the opportunity to test these Aryan theories in the most macabre of ways. He was particularly partial to twins, dissecting them dead of alive. It is estimated that this lunatic parading as a civilized human being killed upwards of 200,000 children.

He fled Auschwitz just before the Russians liberated it in the spring of 1945. For three years, Dr. Mengele lived quietly in a West German town all but controlled by his family, manufacturers of farm equipment. Neither the Allies nor the West Germans made an effort to bring him to justice.

For reasons not properly explained, Dr. Mengele moved to Argentina in 1949. He went there under an assumed name, with a false passport, and once in Buenos Aires, the West German embassy helped him obtain a German identity card.

Dr. Mengele set up a textile business and apparently did well. At one point, he even thought of going into partnership with a German Jew!

Under pressure, the Germans in 1959 issued an arrest warrant for Dr. Mengele and followed that up by calling for his extradition. Frightened, he immigrated to Paraguay. With the assistance of influential Germans, and with President Alfredo Stroessner's sympathy, Dr. Mengele was granted Paraguayan citizenship.

Israeli agents, who had had no luck in taking him alive in Argentina, tried to do so in Paraguay, but failed. Dr. Mengele's house in the countryside was like a fortress.

Meanwhile, West Germany requested his extradition. Stroessner refused, and the West German ambassador was recalled to Bonn. In 1968, Israel established an embassy in the capital, at a time when Jerusalem desperately needed votes at the United Nations and political support at other international forums. Consequently, Israel dropped its active search mission for Dr. Mengele.

According to news reports, he is alive and probably well in Chile, after having been expelled from Paraguay. Presumably, Israel will not soil the waters of its relations with Santiago in order to pursue this mass murderer.

Israel's policy of non-intervention, while understandable, is also unpalatable. Will Dr. Mengele escape the fate that was Adolf Eichmann's? One hopes not.

Soviet officials

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Back in Montreal, Ms. Eisen was one of the last to emerge from customs and baggage. As she came out, she looked up with surprise to see that everybody on the trip had gathered together to wait for her. When she appeared, they all broke out into applause.

Now back in Toronto, she said that it will take time for her to assimilate all that had happened. In addition to coming as a travel agent on a familiarization trip, she came hoping to meet the Russians whose stories had so moved her. She wanted to give them messages of hope, she said.

Ironically, a young Jewish couple on the trip had actually contacted a whole group of Jewish activists who were asking to leave Russia, and they had not been bothered at all.

Said Genya Intrator, vice-president of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry: "It is both legitimate and commonplace to make contact with Soviet Jews who are refuseniks — that is, those who have been refused permission to leave and who protest — "I am on the phone constantly and openly with the Refuseniks and have even gone to the Soviet Union to meet them."

She continued: "Despite Renata's experience — and they have happened before — people should contact our committee for Soviet Jewry before visiting Russia so that we continue to reach out to those who need our help. The refuseniks give us information on who wants to leave, who is arrested or loses a job for applying for visas, and what is happening.

"Without direct contact, they are cut off. They cannot function. We have no choice as far as I am concerned. If we stop, there will be no one else to help."

Telling truth to aid aliyah

By SUSAN LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Telling the complete and unvarnished truth to potential North American olim about problems facing them in Israel will aid, not hinder their chances of making successful aliyah.

"Shlichim must become attuned to telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," maintains Yitshak Ben-Sira, the new director of the Israel Aliyah Centre here and a stauch member of the 'telling it like it is' school of shlichut.

"Mortgage costs, inflation, bureaucracy; they are all a part of Israeli life, and North Americans who go over thinking that these things will not affect them are victims of poor pre-aliya education.

"The trick is to point out both the advantages and constraints of living in Israel while emphasizing how satisfying it is for a Jew to make his home in the Jewish state.

"The greater the expectation, the greater the frustration," Ben-Sira noted.

According to Ben-Sira, a sabra whose parents immigrated to Israel from Russia more than 65 years ago, none of the conveniences North Americans take for granted can make up the loss for a Jew living outside of the state.

"Jews in the diaspora are facing a disaster," he claims, "the threat of assimilation has become so immense, if something is not done, we will lose our people; Israel can help to solve the problem."

"There must be a strong belief both in the strength of the Jewish nation and the Jewish people", Ben-Sira stressed, "I believe Israel is the only place for a Jew to live, and there is no better place to raise a child; it has a more open and healthy environment."

In order to lessen the trauma of a often radically different Israeli life, the Israel Aliya department has implemented a three step program for aliya suggested to potential olim.

The first 'step, called 'Chug Aliya', is a group open to all members of the community contemplating a move to Israel. The group, made up of singles, young marrieds, middle-aged couples and older retired persons meet frequently with Shlichim to discuss every aspect of life in Israel, from the physhological process in making aliyah, to where to live in Israel to employment and business opportunities.

No aspect of Israel life is forgotten, and by the time his plane touches down at Ben-Gurion Airport the oleh knows exactly what is waiting.

The second step gives the opportunity for a potential immigrant to spend time in Israel without fully committing himself to permanent citizenship.

Called 'Aliyah in Stages,' a visa is granted for one year (with the possibility of extension) and during that period working privileges are granted.

At the end of the period, the family may either return to their home country to think things over and then return as a three-year temporary resident or oleh, or immediately be granted citizenship status.

The third step, which Chug Aliyah member Lynn Brownstein says is a "tremendous psychological boost," is a proposed organization called 'ex-Montrealers in Israel!'

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Brigadier-general's autobiography

The Bookshelf

The Partisan
by Yitzhak Arad
Holocaust Library - Schocken Books $5.95

This autobiography of a brigadier-general in the Israeli Defence Forces details his involvement in what have been called the two pivotal events in Jewish history since the fall of the Second Temple: the Holocaust and the birth of the state of Israel.

The book begins with the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939, when the author, then Isaac Rudnicki, was a 13-year-old resident of Warsaw. **The Partisan** details his escape to the Soviet-occupied zone of Poland, where he was able to live for two years, until the Nazis entered it as well. The wholesale slaughter of the Jewish population by Nazi killing squads drove the boy into the Lithuanian forests, where he began to earn a reputation as one of the most dedicated of partisan-avengers. Among his exploits was the derailing of 13 German military trains, loaded with troops and ammunition.

In the proverbial manner of going from the crucible into the fire, the author went to the Holy Land after WW II ended, and joined the Palmach in the fight for independence against Britain.

Easy to read, the book's style is realistic and matter-of-fact in tone. The author has not succumbed to the possible temptation of lacing his story with bitterness or sentiment. **The Partisan** makes a good history lesson, especially for those who are under the delusion that Jewish armed resistance to the Nazis was limited to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Baseball politics

Willie's Time
by Charles Einstein
McClelland & Stewart

Willie's Time is one of the most entertaining sports books to come out in a number of years. In it, Charles Einstein deals with the entire career of one of the finest, if not the finest, baseballers to ever tie on a pair of spikes, Willie Mays.

But Einstein has a somewhat diferent approach to the book because during much of Mays' career, Einstein was a political columnist. So instead of concentrating entirely on baseball, Einstein also ties in a number of interesting analogies to the changing face of daily life in the United States.

Also, the author tells of a number of fascinating stores that involved his career as a journalist, probably the funniest one occurring when he was working overnight on a rewrite desk. Einstein's sports editor called the International News Service, where he was working at the time, and asked the switchboard operator for Einstein. The girl was new on the job and didn't know Charles was working for the service. She looked in the file of important phone numbers and proceeded to connect the well-known physicist Albert Einstein, and the editor began dictating his column.

Midas touch

How to Invest Your Money & Profit from Inflation
Morton Shulman
Hurtig Publishers $9.95

The doctor with the Midas touch is at it again. Morton Shulman, the millionaire doctor, television host, former member of the Ontario Legislature, former coroner for the city of Toronto and best selling author, has published another book that is sure to be a best seller. In his earlier work **Anyone Can Make a Million,** Shulman lets the reader in on his strategy for making big bucks. Since that book was published, the financial climate for the world has changed a great deal, so Shulman, being the nice fellow that he is, has written another book to tell us how to plan for the future and profit from inflation.

It's a fast paced book written in an easy-to-read fashion where Shulman points out some of the ways to make a dollar and some ways that he feels are only suicidal for the investor. He gives what appears to be a good advice, and afterall, if it worked for Morton Shulman there's a good chance it should work for the reader of **How to Invest Your Money & Profit from Inflation.**

My-oh-Meyer

Meyer Lansky
Dennis Eisenberg, Uri Dan and Eli Landau
Random House $14.95

Despite the fact that this book is one of the less shining examples of instant journalism, the personality of its subject manages to draw the reader's attention readily enough.

The book is made up of long sections of direct quotes from Meyer Lansky and a couple of his associates, arranged more or less chronologically, about Lansky's role in gambling, whiskey and other syndicates. It is completely one-sided, which is what one should expect from the almost verbatim reproduction of a man's views of himself and his role in society. But it is considerably less than what a reader might expect from a book on this man. It might have been better titled as an autobiography of Meyer Lansky. It seems that, of the three authors involved, one held the tape recorder, the second turned it on and the third turned it off.

Novel Gift ideas? Ask Yorkdale's amazing computer. Free!

Computer specialist Dan Peer has set up a computer assisted system for selecting gifts for holiday season.

Israeli mini-computer expert designs Yorkdale gift system

By TYRUS REIMANN

In spite of the boastful origins of his surname, Dan Peer is no braggart when it comes to his success in Canada; he knows that hard work and competence win out in the end. The history of this Israeli's consulting firm is a lesson for anyone wishing to break into business for himself.

The first step is training: Peer took a degree in electronics at the Technion in Haifa then moved on to a 2½ year stint in the Israeli Army. At that time in the early 60s, the Israeli computer industry was very much in its infancy. Very few data processing applications had been devised for business. The major thrust of new breakthroughs occurred in engineering and technological fields for defence. Research and development for new defence systems were logical avenues for advanced computer training. Peer made his mark with the pioneering research teams of the Army then moved on to further responsibility with the Ministry of Post.

Computer systems were being introduced in Israel to streamline telephone efficiency, and Peer found himself at a watershed in his life. As Peer explains, "The hardware was top quality from our supplies but our projects were rather naive. I felt we just weren't working at the state of the art so I decided to get a first-hand taste of North American expertise."

For an Israeli in Canada, life is a two-way street. Peer's work as a computer consultant and group leader at the parent company pushed him up the corporate ladder while enhancing his value back home in Israel. Within a year, Peer was sent back to Israel on a mission to upgrade facilities in Israel.

He naturally gravitated to the minicomputer field. "It's the obvious choice for Israel because of the scale of the Israeli marketplace," Peer explains, "and minicomputers offer me greater flexibility of choice."

For five years, Peer's Avishai Systems has been designing and installing turnkey computer systems for business and scientific applications. Canadian clients have been small to medium sized business ventures. Avishai Systems provides programming for a wide variety of applications to achieve full potential from both the hardware and software.

Just one example of Peer's innovative systems is a gift selection service now operating at Yorkdale Shopping Centre. Meeting the December shopping rush head-on, Peer's minicomputer system stores and selects intriguing gift-giving ideas for harried shoppers. Peer's computer know-how expanded the upper limits of merchant input for the data bank to five-figure complexity.

Dan's wife Miri was actively involved in choosing the categories that best respond to the needs of human motivation for gift-giving. Miri is presently completing a Ph.D. program in psychology at York University with particular emphasis on the research techniques that relate to motivation. Dan and Miri are working closely together to plan new breakthroughs in computerized merchandising techniques. As Miri says, "The big thing for the future is motivation and Avishai Systems is responding with some really innovative ideas."

Surprisingly, the company name is not based on this new venture of gift selection. "Shai" is indeed the Hebrew word for "gift" but the company's name was actually prompted by the Peers' six year old son Shai.

Judenrat leader commits suicide rather than carry out deportations

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

"I am reminded of a film: a ship is sinking, and the captain to raise the spirits of the passengers, orders the orchestra to play a jazz piece. I have made up my mind to emulate the captain."

Adam Czerniakow, Mayor
Warsaw Ghetto Judenrat, 1942

Not too many days after Adam Czerniakow wrote these words in his diary, he was found slumped dead over his desk, a glass of water beside his outstretched hand.

As mayor or chairman of the Jewish Council (Judenrat) of the Warsaw Ghetto from 1939 to 1942, Czerniakow was like the captain of that sinking ship. Without knowing exact details, he knew the daily deportations from the ghetto were a prelude to doom for all of the members of his community.

Like the captain, Czerniakow decided to keep up his people's morale by sustaining as normal a life as possible under the most harrowing circumstances. But he could not keep the candle of his own spirits burning. Rather than tell people in the community about the death that awaited them, rather than carry out anymore expulsion orders, he committed suicide by swallowing a cyanide pill.

Czerniakow's diary has now come into the public eye in a book edited by Raul Hilberg called **The Warsaw Diary of Adam Czerniakow.** Hilberg, author of **The Destruction of European Jewry,** which is considered the definitive work on the Holocaust, spoke at the third annual book fair at the Jewish Community Council recently.

Sponsored by the Holocaust Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, Hilberg addressed the problems of Jewish leadership in the ghettos. He said Czerniakow's diary was "the single most important Jewish document of the Holocaust."

Hilberg, a professor of political science at the University of Vermont, reported that Czerniakow wrote assiduously in his diary from the first week of the Nazi invasion of Poland in September 1939 through to July 1942 when his notebook ends abruptly after the exclamation: "Now I must have 9,000 more ready to go!"

The massive build-up of deportations which eventually proved too much for Czerniakow were the most onerous of the cruel responsibilities placed on the shoulders of Judenrat in all the ghettos across Europe.

In Warsaw, the Judenrat numbered 24 members and was led by Czerniakow. Like other Judenrat, it was not only in charge of the traditional community functions such as health, education, employment and municipal services, but it was also its responsibility — more particularly, its chairmen — to carry out such German orders as expropriation of property and impressment of labor — as well as the deportations.

What did the Judenrat leaders know about the destination of those deportations? Did they have any premonitions of the future? Hilberg speculated that most Jewish leaders had many suspicions but they refused to acknowledge their fears.

"All over Europe the Judenrat leaders failed to warn the people of their impending death," Hilberg said mournfully. But he understood, he added, the reluctance to "place the burden of this knowledge on those who were going to die anyway."

However, there was no indication, Hilberg commented, that Czerniakow or other leaders knew about the gas chambers. But, he remonstrated again, it did not appear that any of the Judenrat sought out any kind of information about the deportations in any kind of systematic way.

Group of Jews being rounded up and herded off to the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.

Many young children were left orphaned following the bombing of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Czerniakow and others knew that people were disappearing on a massive scale. Rumors abounded about death camps. On July 20, 1942, Czerniakow took matters into his own hands and asked his SS seniors to confirm or deny the rumors. The SS replied they knew nothing.

Czerniakow, Hilberg explained, was a chemical engineer, a one-time leader of an artisan's union and not too religious a person. He had a sense of duty which impelled him to try and serve his community in the Judenrat, and a sense of history which inspired him to keep a diary.

Czerniakow's words were "written hurriedly and without poetry — but full of truth," said Hilberg, who admitted an obsession with Czerniakow over the last 10 years which repeatedly drove him to return to the diary in Jerusalem.

The whereabouts of the diary remained unknown until it turned up in the hands of a Polish woman who had emigrated to Canada. The diary was subsequently sold to the Israeli embassy in Canada, and is now in Jerusalem at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial.

Hilberg concluded that the diary, "a microcosm of the times," recorded the step-by-step evolution of the Final Solution.

The Final Solution, the total annihilation of the Jews of Europe, had not yet been conceived in 1939, he emphasized.

During the early days of confusion after war broke out, ghettoization became an intermediary measure forced upon the Nazis when they suddenly acquired 2,000,000 Jews in Poland, he said. Emigration was no longer feasible — although up until that time, emigration had been the ultimate plan to rid Europe of its Jews.

Isolating the Jews in ghettos and building walls around those ghettos, the Nazis then established the Judenrat, the Jewish Community Councils, to carry out their orders.

Caught in the horrible dilemma of trying to alleviate suffering and at the time obeying Nazi instructions, which if countermanded, meant certain death, the Judenrat walked a tightrope of disaster no matter what it did, Hilberg sympathized.

For some such as Adam Czerniakow, mayor of the Warsaw Judenrat from 1939 to 1942, the burdens of office were too much.

Jewish men intermarry more than women says recent study

BOSTON —

Some surprising information has emerged from a study of several hundred converts to Judaism in the Boston area sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) and released at the organization's 55th general assembly in Toronto recently.

Nearly 3,000 delegates from the U.S. and Canada attended the five-day meeting in the Sheraton Centre and Hotel Toronto.

The study, titled **"New Jews: The Dynamics of Religious Conversion,"** is the first scientific effort to assess the impact of the conversion experience on the proselyte, on his or her born-Jewish mate and on their Christian and Jewish families.

Highlights of the study included these findings:

Two thirds of the converts in the study were women, most of them under 30, confirming the generally-held belief that two out of every three Jews who intermarry are male.

The overwhelming majority of conversions to Judaism are linked to inter-marriage and the resolve of the couple to live as a Jewish family.

Some 86 per cent of the converts felt it was important to give their children a serious, continuing Jewish educxation and almost all of them reported they intended to give their children such an education.

Commenting on these findings, Rabbi Sanford Seltzer, director of Reform Judaism's "Task Force on Outreach declared.

"That Jewish community has been so negatively preoccupied with intermarriage and the accompanying decline in Jewish population and commitment that it has ignored the more affirmative side of this phenomenon."

He mentioned the following: the tendency of converts to actively embrace synagogue life and become observant Jews; the infusion of new blood into a Jewish community experiencing a decreasing birthrate; the willingness of even those spouses who have not converted to forge ties with the Jewish community:

"All these are positive signs which should no longer be overlooked or devalued," Seltzer said.

He urged a thorough reassessment of the Jewish community's response to intermarriage and conversion.

Data for the study were obtained through statistical records on 389 converts and responses to questionnaires by 181 converts, personal interviews last year and meetings with participants in a 15-week introduction to Judaism course sponsored by the UAHC in Boston.

Some 48 per cent of the converts were brought up as Catholics and 39 per cent as Protestants, reflecting the religious distribution in the heavily-Catholic Boston area.

The study was carried out by Dr. Steven Huberman as part of an intermarriage and convention project of Reform Judaism's "Task Force on Outreach."

The study makes five major recommendations aimed at dealing with problems reported by the subjects in the study — among them, feelings of being on "permanent probation" as Jews, rejection by their parents, and worry about whether to have a Christmas tree.

While more than 80 per cent said they had no regrets about converting, many reported identity confusion, in-law troubles, non-acceptance by born Jews, isolation, guilt and negative parental reactions.

The recommendations, designed to ameliorate these troubles, are based on Dr. Huberman's conclusion that the conversion process is only a first step. "For a convert to become Jewish requires the help of family and community," he writes, adding: "It is the belief of the majority of the respondents that although conversion involves tremendous stresses and strains, becoming and being Jewish is worth the struggle."

The study makes these recommendations:

1) Conversion courses which will not only provide information on Judaism but will also deal with the emotional aspects of conversion.

2) Keeping contact with rabbis after the conversion itself. Losing contact with the rabbi after conversion was a real loss.

3) Encouraging converts to join synagogues, which next to their Jewish spouses and families is considered an important link in new Jewish identity.

The study found that while 57 per cent of the converts belonged to a synagogue, only 18 per cent had joined any other Jewish organization. "Converts seek religious rather than purely ethnic routes to the rewards and satisfactions of Jewish social relationships," the study noted.

4) Educational efforts to explain the status of converts to born Jews. This recommendation springs from their disappointment and resentment that many born Jews do no accept them as "real" Jews.

5) Religious school courses which deal with love, sex and marriage along with conversion, interdating and intermarriage. Teachers should be trained and curricula material developed for such courses, which also should be offered in teenage summer camps, Hillel Foundations, synagogues and community centers.

Aid meeting set for Jan. 16

TORONTO —

A meeting of the Toronto Jewish committee to aid refugees from southeast Asia will be held Wednesday noon, Jan. 16, at 150 Beverley St.

Martin Mendelow, social planning committee chairman of Toronto Jewish Congress, said jobs, housing, schooling and health will be amongst the topics to be discussed, as will integration of refugees into their own cultural groups.

"The meeting will offer an opportunity for sponsors to discuss their experiences with the newcomers and to identify problems which may exist," said Mendelow. Updated information will be provided on government plans and backup services, he added.

Mendelow said the Toronto Jewish community had a target of sponsoring 370 refugees but the sponsorship total now exceeds 400. About 200 of these refugees have already arrived in Toronto.

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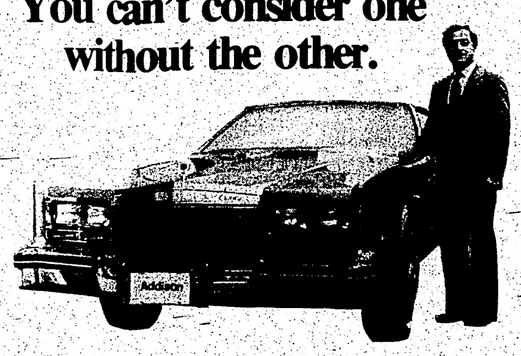

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